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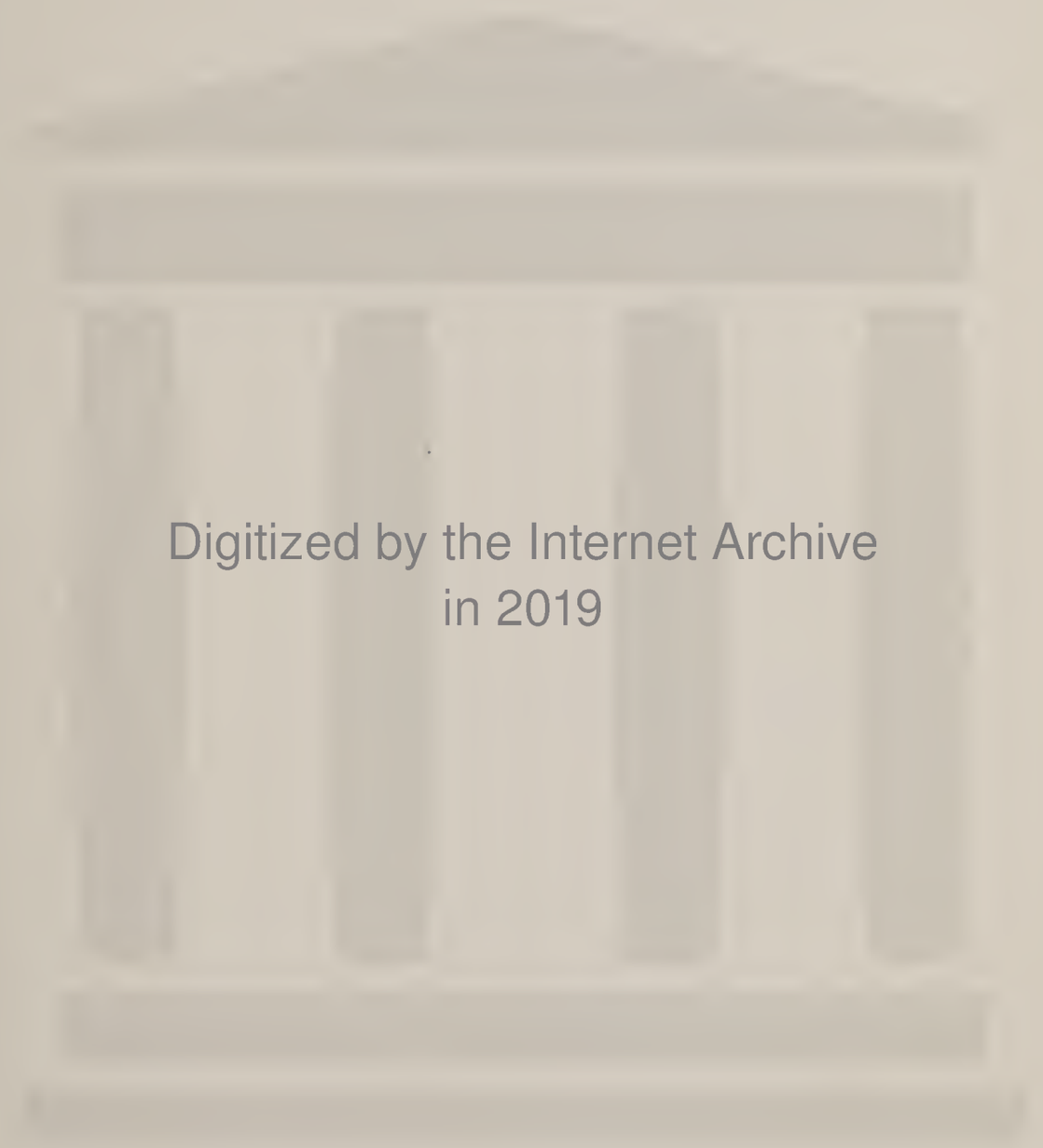

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Thompson Genealogy

in memory of

Lemuel Rawson Thompson

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Introduction

I do not suppose a genealogy was ever written that satisfied the writer—much less the people written about.

This is far from being complete, but much time has been used. More information is available in Delaware, but I want to get this published before it is too late.

I have lifted bodily parts of "Memorials of James Thompson," which pertain to our family, and have added the Jesse Knowles Thompson record and their families I have been able to contact.

I thank those who helped gather the material—especially Dr. Maurice Smith, the Percy Thompson family, and The Historical Society of Delaware where I was assisted by Leon de Valinger.

There are five distinct parts of this book.

1. The "Memorials of James Thompson"
2. The record of Jesse Knowles Thompson
3. The records collected by the author
4. "The Smiths of Delaware" by the author
5. Families inter-married with the Milton Biggs family.

This book is dedicated
to my first great grandchild
Linda Lee Tenney

Part 1

THOMPSON FAMILY TREE

References:

Oklahoma Historical Society
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"Memoirs of James Thompson"
by Leander Thompson—Published 1888

Manuscript compiled by

Edwin Carlin Thompson's father, Jesse Knowles Thompson, and given to the author in March, 1924. Completed in 1954 by the author.

Genealogy of James Thompson

James Thompson, one of the original settlers of Woburn, was prominent among those who fixed their residence in that part of the town which is now known as North Woburn. The same difficulty which meets not a few who search in vain for the details of the old English history of their ancestors, meets us, at the outset, in regard to him.

As in the case of Edward Converse and many others of Winthrop's great colony who first settled in or near Charlestown, but little is known with certainty of his English antecedents, except that he was born in 1593; married a wife whose only name known to us was Elizabeth; had three sons and one daughter, all probably born in England, and early in 1630, when he was thirty-seven years of age, joined the large and very choice company of 1,500 persons, who, under the lead of Governor Winthrop, landed on New England shores during that eventful year. The tradition is that James Thompson was one of the party who landed at Salem in the early part of June.

The most untiring search, so far as it could be made on this side of the ocean, has been prosecuted for many years, in order to ascertain the place of his birth. Conjectures have been numerous. The county of York, the county of Kent, and the county of Bedforshire have been prominent among, though not all, the counties that at different times have been proposed as likely to have contained his birthplace. Yet in each case absolute proof is lacking.

It seems to be nearly if not quite certain that there were numerous related families of Thompsons in London and in several of the nearest counties around that metropolis, and that James, the emigrant, was connected with all of them. These families embraced a considerable number that were eminent in the intellectual, social and religious world, including quite a number of men who received the order of knighthood. The coat-of-arms of some of them, though differing in minor details, are essentially the same, and the old coat-of-arms which existed in the Woburn family far back in the eighteenth century and which, at the close of the century, in 1799, John Cole, of Boston, who was employed, probably by Samuel Thompson, Esq., to copy it, nearly spoiled by his unauthorized embellishments, is, despite the ornament, identical with that of Sir William Thompson, of London, Kt., whose name appears on the back of it. The arms, however, are of no value whatever to the descendants of James Thompson, except as furnishing a

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possible clue to his family connections and home in England.

It is a singular circumstance that, in the long lists of early emigrants from England to this country, given by Hotton, there is next to nothing concerning the hundreds who composed Winthrop's colony. Some have supposed that the emigrants themselves evaded an oppressive law which required them to give the details of their English life and standing. Others suggested that the lists were probably among the papers consumed in the burning of the Government House and Hotton himself says, "It cannot be doubted but that other lists were made but they are either lost, or are among the mass of papers still uncatalogued at the Record Office."

James Thompson was one of the first settlers of Charlestown and belonged then as afterwards, so far as is known, to the sturdy yeomanry of the community. He with his wife, Elizabeth, was admitted to membership in the First Church in that place, Aug. 31, 1633. In December following he was admitted a freeman of the town.

In December, 1640, he was one of the thirty-two men who subscribed his name to the noted Town Orders for Woburn, agreed upon by the commissioners at their first meeting on the 18th of that month. He seems also to have been among the few adventurers who early pushed their way into this almost unknown region and fixed their homes in the wilderness—he and Henry Baldwain, and probably one or two others in that part of Charlestown Village now known as North Woburn. Charlestown village was incorporated in 1642 as a distinct municipality, bearing the name of Woburn, in memory as has always been believed, of the ancient town of that name in Bedfordshire, England, hence some of the emigrants are supposed to have come.

The loss of the early records of the First Church, organized August 14, 1642, renders it difficult, if not impossible, to give the details of its earliest history as an organization, as also the names of its members. But there is strong reason for believing that James Thompson was one of the many first settlers of Woburn who brought their letters from the Church in Charlestown, and only awaited the act of outward organization by the seven men of their numbers who were specially commissioned by the mother church to do it in a legal way, before transferring their relation. That he was one of the earliest members has, so far as can be ascertained, always been the tradition of his descendants in Woburn.

After the Act of Incorporation was secured and the

people of the new town began somewhat tardily, as it seems to us, to move in the matters of organization for the separate management of their own affairs, James Thompson was chosen a member of the first board of selectmen and continued, with occasional brief intervals to serve the town in that office nearly twenty years. In 1650, he was the commissioner to carry the votes for offices to Cambridge. The selectmen had their regular meetings for business on the first Monday of every month, and one special occasion they mutually agreed, as they doubtless had virtually done before, that if any one of their number should fail to be present by nine o'clock in the morning, the hour appointed, he should pay, for the use of the town, three shillings as a fine, unless he were detained by some providence of God, which the majority present should accept as a sufficient excuse. There is a record that at least two of their number were accordingly fined, one of them at the very next meeting, for being an hour too late. But, though James Thompson's home was two miles distant from the supposed place of meeting, there is no hint that he ever once failed to leave for his numerous posterity a noble example of punctuality and promptness. His business as a plain yeoman did not often connect him with matters of public notoriety, nor associate his name with business outside his town. One memorable occasion we find his name joined with that of John Mousall in giving a solemn testimony under oath in regards to certain "land at the new town line," now called Cambridge Line," and the maintenance of suitable fences, "both inward and outward of the said field" by the "proprietors and their heirs and successors forever." But, outside of his legitimate business as a member of the board of selectmen, we rarely find his name.

James Thompson was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth, dying November 13, 1643, he married February 15, 1644, Susannah Blodgett, widow of Thomas Blodgett of Cambridge. She died February 10, 1661. His youngest son, Jonathan, married November 28, 1655, a daughter of his father's second wife, who bore her mother's name. Of his other children, James died January 24, 1647, an unmarried young man; Simon married Mary Converse, a daughter of Edward Converse, one of the first and foremost settlers of the southern part of Woburn, now Winchester. He dying in 1685, she married in 1659, John Sheldon of Billerica.

Authorities differ upon the question whether James Thompson had one daughter or two. It is certain that he had a daughter, Olive; that on the 3rd of September, 1750, she married John Cutler, and that she died before the death

of her father. It has been assumed that there was a younger daughter, Mary, who married John Shedd of Billerica in 1658. But there is no allusion to such a daughter in any record seen by the writer, and no mention of her or of her children in James Thompson's will; and it seems highly probable that the supposed Mary who married "John Shedd of Billerica" was really Mary, the widow of Simon, who married "John Sheldon of Billerica." And though she seems to have died before the death of her first husband's father, her second husband and her children are named in the will. James Thompson, himself, the honored patriarch of the family, died in 1682 at the age of 89 years.

It cannot perhaps be determined with absolute certainty, where the house of James Thompson stood; but it seems nearly certain that it was near the junction of Elm, the first and always the principal street of North Woburn, with a new street now known as Traverse. In the southwesterly part of Mr. Rufas Pool's garden, there once stood a house, traces of which some of the oldest citizens still remember. There Jonathan, the youngest son of James Thompson, is believed to have lived, and reared a large family; Timothy Thompson who settled in Charlestown just on the eve of the Revolutionary War and became the patriarch of the present numerous Thompsons of that place, being conspicuous among the eight children. As James, in his will, gave his own dwelling house to his son Jonathan, married the daughter of his second wife, by her first marriage, it seems all but certain that the house, which was the home of four generations of his descendants, was also his own home. It is certain that he gave his house to Jonathan, and we have no evidence that he owned any other house in Woburn beside the one he occupied. A very large portion of the territory which now constitutes that part of North Woburn that lies north of the Baldwin estate, including the grounds on which the Congregational Church, the Unitarian Chapel, the Rumford House, and the Rumford School building now stand, was once owned by James Thompson, or his more immediate descendants.

Of James Thompson's descendants, very numerous and now very widely scattered in nearly every State and Territory in the country and in several foreign countries, it is proper to make a brief introductory mention. They are numerous of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties, in Massachusetts; more so in Suffolk, and as always most so of all in old Middlesex. Outside Massachusetts, they are especially to be found in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and

Illinois. Yet all have never looked to the north village of Woburn as "the home of the Thompsons;" and a large number of them have from time to time come from their widely separated homes as pilgrims to the old ancestral spot.

Of the possessions of James Thompson in his later years, no definite account can here be given. In the Third Report of Commissioners of the City of Boston and Charlestown Land Records are found nine articles which describe his possessions in "Charleston Limits" in 1638. These are as follows:

"1. Two acres of land by estimation more or less, situated and lying in the nigh fields, butting to the South upon the highway; bound on the East by George Whithand and Henry Bullocke, and on the West by Nicholas Davis, with a dwelling house and other aptinances thereunto.

2. One acre of earable by estimation, situate and lying in the high field, butting to the South upon the highway; to the North upon the marsh toward mistic river, bounded on the East by Ralph Sprague, and on the West by John Mousall.

3. Two acres of meadow by estimation, more or lesse, lying in the high feilde marsh, butting to the South upon Nicholas Davis and Thomas Richardson; to the North upon the great Cove, bounded on the East by Ralph Mousall, and on the West by Ezecheall Richardson.

4. Two Acres of earable land by estimation, more or lesse, scituate and lying in the line feilde, butting to the South west upon Cambridge line; to the North east upon Charlton Comon; and on the North west by John Fairfielde.

5. Milch Cow Comons three and a quarter.

6. Two acres of meadow by estimation, more or lesse, scituate and lying in Misticke Feilde, butting to the South west upon Mistick river; to the North east upon Will Lernett, bounded on the North west by James Pemberton and the comon, and on the South east by A creecke.

7. Five acres of woodland, scituate and lying in mistick feilde No. 41, 80 pole in length and tenn in breadth, butting to the West upon the drift way towards the north river; to the East upon the land way, bounded on the South by_____, and on the North by_____.

8. Five acres of woodland, scituate and lying in misticke feilde, No. 20, 100 pole length and ____ in breadth, butting to the North east upon long meade; South west upon John Berridge; bounded on the North west by Sam Haule, and on the South east by William Powell.

9. Fortie Acres of land by estimation, more or lesse,

scituate and lying in waterfielde, no. 20, 100 pole in length and breadth, butting to the North west upon Abr Pratt and Isaac Cole; South east upon John Greene, bounded in the South west by Will Powell, and on the North east by Sam Haule."

"In the name of God, Amen. I, James Thompson, sen. of Woburn, in the Coun. of Middlesex, in the colony of Massachusetts, being of sound mind and perfect memory, and apprehensive of the near approach of my dissolution, being greatly stricken in years, willing to sett my house in order before my departure hence, hereby absolutely renouncing and reversing all former wills had or made by me whatsoever, doe make this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following:—

ffirst, I give my Soul to God who created and gave it, and to Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and Holy Ghost and Sanctifyer, three glorious subsistences in one glorious end eternally undivided essence; and my body to the Earth (there to be decently buryed) in hope of a glorious resurrection in order to the Reunion of soul and body through the merritts of Christ, my blessed Savior and Redeemer.

Secondly. After all my due debts payd and funeral charges defrayed, I do give unto my loving son, Jonathan Thompson, the only child now of my own body, all my house and outhousing, and all my lands whatsoever, whether belonging to the home-stall or out lands with all my cattle and moveable Estate personal and real in present possession or reversion, (except as followeth):—

3. I give to Sarah Redknap and Hannah Horn, my grandchildren forty shill. a peice in silver, (viz.) I give to Hannah forty shill. of that money of mine now in her own hands. The other twenty shill. in silver in her hands, my will is that she pay it to her sister, Sarah Redknap, and my will is yt. John Sheldin, sen., shall pay her the other twenty shill. in silver out of that money he hath of mine in his hands.
I give to John Cuttler and Susannah Logee, my Grandchildren, and to my son Jonathan's six children three pounds apiece in currant pay of the country. And my will is yt. James Thompson, my grandchild, and Jno. Sheldin aforsd shall pay to Jno. Cuttler and Susannah Logee their three pounds a peice as aforsd, and then the Remainder or what estate is mine is or shall be then in their hands, my will is ty. it shall be payd to my son Jonathan for the discharge of his children's portions so far as it will reach to make good to them the remainder of their portions as above, out of my estate, from time to time as they shall come of age.

"Lastly,—I do nominate and appoynt my son Jonathan to be the sole Executor of this my whole will, and desire and ordeyne my Trustee and well beloved friends, Samuel Bloggett and Mr. Rogers his book, and Mousall a payr of new gloves.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto sett (this last day of ffebruary in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred and eighty and one) my hand and seal."

For some reason, not now definitely known, but probably his great age and infirmity, the signature of James Thompson to this will embraces, as was not uncommon in his day, the old **crux commissa**, like our letter T. After "setting (his) hand and seal" to the will, John Mousall and Samuel Bloggett signed their names as witnesses.

James Thompson

Born in England, 1593 Died in Woburn, Mass., 1682

Married (1) Elizabeth _____ (died November 13, 1643)

Married (2) Susannah Blodgett, widow, on February 15, 1644-45; Died February 10, 1660-61)

Children of James and Elizabeth Thompson:

1. James, died January 24, 1646-47

X 2. Simon, married Mary Converse, daughter of Edward Converse of Woburn, Mass., December 19, 1658

3. Olive, married John Cutler September 3, 1650. She died before her father.

4. Jonathan, married Susannah Blodgett, daughter of his father's second wife, November 28, 1655. He died October 20, 1691.

Simon Thompson, the second son of James (1), was born in England, but there are no known means of determining the date. He came to Charlestown and subsequently, to Woburn, with his father, and was married December 19, 1643, between one and two years after the incorporation of the new town, to Mary Converse. She was the daughter of Edward Converse, one of the foremost men of the town, and the builder and occupant of the first house erected in what was then an almost unbroken wilderness. The house, situated in that part of Woburn which, in 1850, became Winchester, stood through several generations, and is well remembered by many persons still living, as occupying nearly the exact spot where the more recent house of the late Deacon Benjamin F. Thompson now stands.

James Thompson resided during the earlier years of his married life in his native town, where his seven children were also born, he removed to the town of New Salem, Franklin County, Mass. The destruction by fire in 1856, of all the records of that town, and the final removal from town of every family bearing the name Thompson, have made it very difficult to obtain even an imperfect history.

Caleb Thompson

Caleb (6) Thompson

(James (5); Dea. James (4); Lieut. James (3); Simon (2); James (1))

born Nov. 7, 1758, Wilmington, Mass.; died Nov. 16, 1830

married Mehitable Knowles, daughter of Jesse Knowles (born about 1765—died Oct. 11, 1840—age about 75 years

children of Caleb and Mehitable Thompson:

1. **Joshue b. 1785; d. Dec. 29, 1794, age 9 years.**
2. **Ezra b. 1787; and d. July 29, 1792, age 5 years.**

X 3. **Jesse b. July 21, 1788; d. Sept. 29, 1833; m. Sally Rawson on April 9, 1812**

4. **Freeman b. 1796; d. Sept. 25, 1825, aged 29 years**

There was also probably a Caleb, and it may be, others, but no definite account of them can be given. Freeman, who died in 1825, was a physician, having graduated from the medical department of Brown University, Providence, R. I.

Caleb Thompson removed when young to New Salem, Mass. and married Mehitable Knowles. Still less is known of him than of his brother James. He died in New Salem, Nov. 16, 1830 and his wife, after surviving him nearly ten years, died Oct. 11, 1840.

3. James Thompson, son of Simon & Mary (Converse) Thompson;
b March 20 1649
d Sept 4 1693
m (1) Hannah Walker Jan 26 1673/4
(d Feb 4 L685/6)
m (2) Abigail Gardner Apr 13 1687
after Thompson's death she m Edward Johnson
children of James & Hannah (Walker) Thompson;
1. Hannah b Dec 31 1675; d May 8 1699
2. Joshua b Sept 15 1677; Martha Doyle
X---------3. James b May 1680; m Abigail Hamlet
4. Ebenezer b July 26 1683; m Mary Winn
Children of James & Abigail (Gardner) Thompson;
1. Richard b Mar 21 1688; d Jan 7 1718
2. Abigail b Dec 30 1689;
m Stephen Longfellow
3. Simon b Oct 19 1691; m Anna Thompson

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4. Deacon James Thompson, son of James & Hannah (Walker) Thompson
b May 1680
d July 31 1763
m Abigail Hamlet 1716
(d Oct 23 1755)
children of James & Abigail (Hamlet) Thompson;
X---------1. James b Dec 30 1716; m Abigail Simon
2. Richard b Aug 6 1718
3. Abigail b Mar 27 1720;
m Benjamin Burtts, June 9 1747
4. William b Oct 19 1723
m (1) Abigail Jones
m (2) Mary Baldwin
5. Benjamin b Mar 6 1727; m Mary Killam
6. Elizabeth b Mar 27 1728; d Apr 16 1728
7. Mary b Sept 18 1729
m Ebenezer Pearson
8. Ezra b Sept 23 1734; graduated Harvard College 1756
d unm. 1793

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5. James Thompson, son of James & Abigail (Hamlet) Thompson
b Dec 30 1716
m Abigail Simonds of Burlington, on April 23 1747
children of James & Abigail (Simonds) Thompson;
1. Abigail b Mar 9 1747; d Feb 1 1847
m John Flagg of Woburn
2. Sarah b Nov 19 1749
3. James b June 5 1753 m Mary (Polly) Sellon Aug 20 1777
4. Isaac b Sept 16 1755
5. Ruth b Sept 7 1756; killed by accide Oct 1767
X---------6. Caleb b Nov 7 1758; d Nov 16 1839
m Mehitable Knowles, dau. of Jesse Knowles
7. Lydia b June 29 1761.

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Part Two

Hunter, Kansas, 7/24, 1909

D. L. Thompson,
Holton, Kansas
Dear Nephew & family:—

I have not heard anything from you for so long that I can only suspicion that you are alive because I have not heard of your death or removal. I think the last letter from you was about the time of your father's death, but I may be mistaken. I have for some time been thinking of writing to learn whether your mother is still living, and, if so, where she is staying; how she is getting along, and of her health. I wish you would write to me all about her and about the rest of the folks. I also am anxious to know the date of your father's death to enter it in my family record. I have been at home and have been here since the middle of last January, when I came home I was nearly dead with Catarrh, and my health has not been anything to brag of all spring and summer. John is sitting here talking with Ed while I write this. Both their families are well as are also Volie and her family. I heard Oran K. in quite sick but do not know of it except by phone rumor. He has sold out here and moved up near Alton, Kansas. Write soon & give me all the news especially about yourselves, Lottie & date of Oran's death.

Affectionately yours,
(J. K. Thompson)

OLD RECORDS

Caleb Thompson, son of James and Abigail Thompson
born November 7, 1758; married to Mehitable Knowles, daughter of Jesse and _____Knowles.

Jesse Thompson, son of Caleb and Mehitable, married to Sally Rawson, daughter of Lemuel and Sarah Rawson, April 20, 1812.

Bildad Hubbard, son of Israel and _____Hubbard married to Sally Rawson Thompson, widow of Jesse, Nov. 12, 1839.

Sally Czarina Thompson, daughter of Jesse and Sally, married to Roswell Whitcomb, April 4, 1836; married Stephen Rider, date unknown.

Oran Rawson Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally, married to Charlotte Blodgett, daughter of Stillman and Mary Blodgett.
born January 17, 1823; married February 4, 1841.

Freeman Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally, married to Elizabeth T. Miles, August 12, 1849.

DEATHS

Caleb Thompson (born Nov. 7, 1758) died Nov. 16, 1830
Mehitable Knowles, Oct. 11, 1840—age 75
Jesse Thompson, son of Caleb and Mehitable, Sept. 26, 1836
Sally Thompson-Hubbard, wife of Jesse Thompson, October 15, 1853
Lois Amelia Thompson, daughter of Jesse and Sally, March 31, 1831
Oran Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally, October 14, 1816
Jesse Knowles Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally, April 20, 1831
Sally Czarina Rider, daughter of Jesse and Sally, November 25, 1890
Oran Rawson Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally, 1900
Abel Rasselas Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally
Roswell Whitcomb, husband of Sally Czarina Thompson, Aug. 11, 1873
Sarah Elizabeth Thompson, wife of Jesse K. Thompson, Sept. 13, 1887
Elsie Czarina Thompson-Fenton, wife of Lorenzo D., Dec. 4, 1894
Ivy Josephine Gallion, daughter of Volie and S. L., April 1, 1910
Jesse Vanita Gallion, daughter of Volie and S. L., January 1919
John Floyd Cowell, husband of J. Ellen T. Cowell, April 18, 1918
Oran Knowles Thompson, son of Jesse K. and Sarah E., Dec. 5, 1922

BIRTHS

Jesse Thompson, born July 21, 1798

Sally Rawson, born April 20, 1792

Children of Jesse and Sally

Name	Date of Birth	Name	Date of Birth
Jesse Knowles	Oct. 18, 1812	Freeman	Feb. 6, 1826
Sally Czarina	Oct. 16, 1814	Lois Amelia	Dec. 25, 1828
Oran	Sept. 25, 1816	Infant dau. (unnamed)	Sept, 8, 1834
Oran Rawson	Jan. 24, 1820	Jesse Knowles	Jan. 19, 1836
Abel Rasselas	July 29, 1823		

Sally Czarina Thompson married Boswell Whitcomb

Child—William Whitcomb, born 1850

Jesse Knowles Thompson (born 1836) married Sarah Elizabeth Whitmer (born November 14, 1836)

Children of Jesse and Sarah Thompson

John Bass	Nov. 13, 1858	Oran Knowles	Nov. 24, 1875
Edwin Carlin	Dec. 16, 1861	Velie Ann Maudella	June 13, 1878
Elsie Czarina	Nov. 16, 1871		

Edwin Carlin Thompson married Fannie Isabel Laird (born February 13, 1867)

Children of Edwin and Fannie Thompson

Eola Elizabeth	Feb. 2, 1890	Nellie May	March 12, 1901
Carlin Thomas	Dec. 6, 1891	Nettie Ray (twins)	Same
Julie Ellen	Nov. 6, 1893	Robert Adison	Aug. 14, 1903
Jessie Laird	Dec. 5, 1895	Fannie Caroline	Feb. 9, 1908
George Edwin	May 21, 1898		

Elsie Czarina Thompson (born November 16, 1871) married to Lorenzo Dow Fenton

Child of Lorenzo and Elsie Fenton

Jesse Lorenzo — Feb. 6, 1889

Volie Maudella (born June 13, 1878) married to Sebastian Lindenmere Gallion.

Children of Sebastian and Volie Gallion

Ivy Josephine ____ Feb. 10, 1900
Jesse Vanica ____ Sept. 18, 1902
Elsie Isabelle ____ Nov. 26, 1905
Randall Wayne __ May 13, 1908
Velma Rae _____ Nov. 3, 1911
Ruth Marion ____ April 25, 1913
Ruby Marie (twins) ____ Same
Jennie _____ Aug., 1916
Atha June _____ June 1, 1919

Oran Knowles Thompson (born November 14, 1875) married to Julie F. Skidmore.

Children of Oran and Julie F. Skidmore

Jesse Theodore
James
Elizabeth
Robley
Virginia
Victor

Jesse Lorenzo Fenton (born February 16, 1889) married to Odessa Schneider.

Children of Jesse and Odessa Fenton

Elsie
Elmer
Thelma

Eola Elizabeth Thompson (born February 2, 1890) married to Harry Julius Van Leeman (born February 14, 1890)

Children of Harry and Eola Van Leeman

Sybell Jay _____ May 3, 1923

MARRIAGES

Eola Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Edwin C. and Fannie I. Thompson, married June 9, 1920, to
Harry Julius Van Leeman, son of John and Minnie Van Leeman.

Jesse Laird Thompson, son of Edwin C. and Fannie I. Thompson, married December 22, 1920, to
Harriet Ruth Baird, daughter of George and Harriet Baird.

George Edwin Thompson, son of Edwin C. and Fannie I. Thompson, married September 21, 1922, to
Violet Peace, daughter of William and Grace Peace.

Carlin Thomas Thompson, son of Edwin C. and Fannie I. Thompson married October 14, 1922, to
Zella Antonia Van Leewen, daughter of John and Minnie Van Leewen.

Abel Rasselas Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally Thompson, married May 9, 1851, to
Harriet Overmyer, daughter of Jacob and ____Overmyer.

Jesse Knowles Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally Thompson, married October 13, 1857, to
Sarah Elizabeth Whitmer, daughter of John and Eliza Whitmer.

Elsie Czarina Thompson, daughter of Jesse K. and Sarah Thompson, married September 17, 1888 to
Lorenzo Dow Fenton.

Edwin Carlin Thompson, son of Jesse K. and Sarah Thompson married December 18, 1888 to
Fannie Isabell Laird, daughter of Thomas and Julie Laird.

Volie Ann Maudella Thompson, daughter of Jesse and Sarah E. Thompson, married April 16, 1899 to
Sebastine Lendenmire Gallion.

Oran Knowles Thompson, son of Jesse K. and Sarah E. Thompson married May 1901 to
Julie F. Skidmore, daughter of Jesse and ____Skidmore

John Bass Thompson, son of Jesse K. and Sarah E. Thompson married to
Catherine McVey

Jesse Lorenzo Fenton, son of L. D. and Elsie C. Fenton married to
Odessa Schneider, daughter of Frederick and Rosa Schneider.

Julie Ellen Thompson, daughter of Edwin C. and Fannie Thompson married June 20, 1917 to
John Floyd Cowell, son of John and ____ Cowell.

Carlin Thomas Thompson, (born December 6, 1891, married October 14, 1922, to
Zella Antonia Van Leewen
Child: Everett Dale Thompson, born September 22, 1923

Julie Ellen Thompson (born November 6, 1893) married June 20, 1917, to
John Floyd Cowell (born June 1, 1898)
Child: Johnnie Eileen Cowell, born July 1, 1918.

Jesse Laird Thompson (born December 5, 1895) married to
Harriet Ruth Baird (born January 28, 1899)
Child: Neil Baird Thompson, born October 17, 1921

Obituary of J. K. Thompson

Jesse Knowles Thompson died at the home of his son, Edwin C. Thompson, April 18, 1915, at the age of 79 years and 3 months. His health had been gradually failing for several years and during the last winter he was able to be around only part of the time until the latter part of February, since which time he was confined to his bed.

The deceased, the youngest son of a family of six boys and three girls, was born in New Salem, Mass, January 19, 1836, and moved to Ohio with his family, where he grew to manhood and completed his education in Oberlin College and Rush Medical College. He taught school at various times in Ohio, Indiana and Kansas and was a practicing physician for 35 years.

He was married to Sarah E. Whitmer on October 13, 1857, at Newton, O., soon removing to Kosciusko County, Ind., and resided there until 1872, when he came to Kansas, where he has lived ever since.

While in Indiana, he and his wife became members of the Church of God (of the Abrahamic faith) which membership was not severed in after life.

After teaching a term of school in Brown County, he homesteaded the southeast quarter of section 26 in Custer township, Mitchell county, where he has made his home ever since and where he at last passed to his reward.

He served his country in the Civil War, enlisting as a private in company F, 74th regiment, Indiana volunteer infantry, on August 21, 1862, and becoming hospital steward on January 19, 1864, in which capacity he served until discharged, January 18, 1867.

He was a servant of Mitchell county almost continually for 19 years, having been county clerk, deputy county clerk, and county surveyor, and having done much to assist in keeping the county records.

He was an enthusiastic member of and energetic worker in the G.A.R. and I.O.O.F., being a charter member of the Cedron post and afterward transferring his membership to the Beloit post and joining the I.O.O.F., No. 130, of Beloit, on April 27, 1891, and being honored by high positions in each organization.

There are left to mourn his loss and cherish his memory three sons, John B. of Salina, Edwin C. of Hunter and Oran K. of Alton; one daughter Volie A. Gallion of Hunter; 23 grandchildren, two great-grand-children and a host of friends and brothers of the G.A.R. and I.O.O.F.

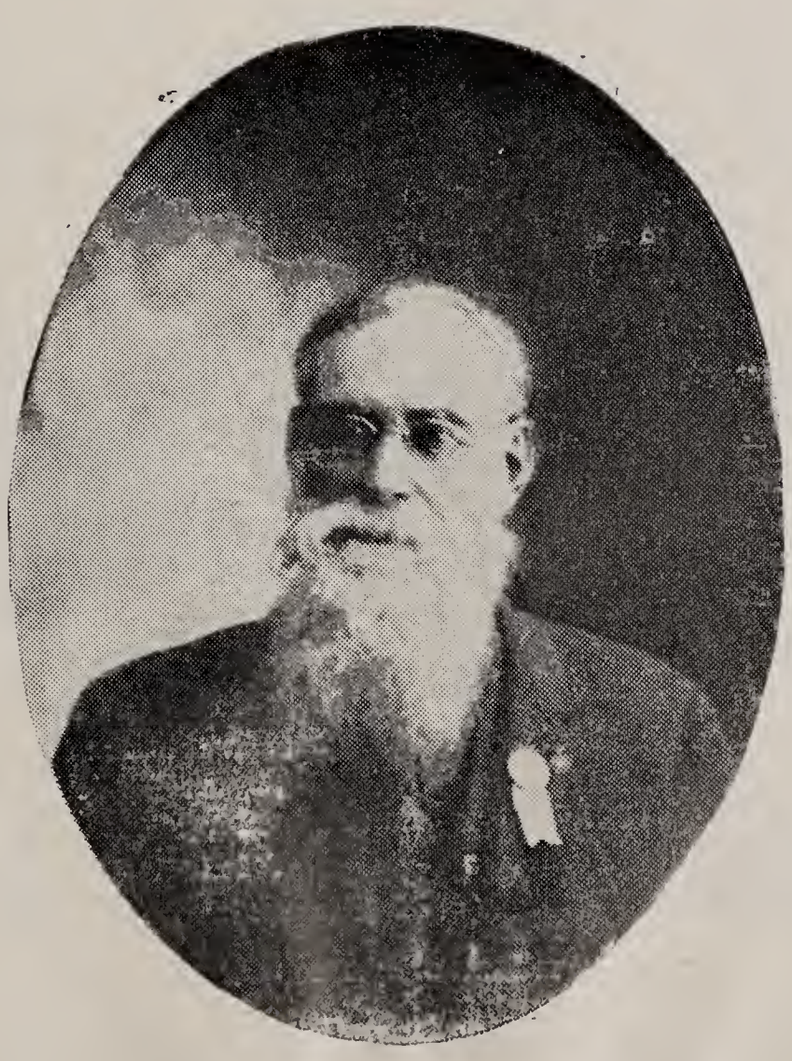
He was preceded to the Great Beyond by his wife in

1887; oldest daughter, Elsie C. Fenton, in 1894, and one granddaughter, Ivy J. Gallion, in 1910.

He was laid to rest by his wife's side in Greenwood Union cemetery on April 20, 1915, the I.O.O.F. conducting the last sad rites, his children all being present except the oldest son, John B., whose health prevented his attendance.

The high esteem in which he was held was amply attested by the throng which gathered from far and near to pay him their last respects.

Short services conducted the the home, then going to the school house, nearby where the funeral sermon was given by the Rev. Fred F. Mays. The text was "There is but a step between me and death."



Jesse Knowles Thompson

Edwin Carlin Thomas' Family

Back row, left to right: George, Robert, Carl and Jesse. Second row: Nellie, Nettie and Fannie. Front row: Eola, Fanny Sr. and Ellen.

Edwin Carlin Thompson

Son of Jesse Knowles and Sarah Thompson.

Born December 16, 1861.

Married Fannie Isabel Laird (born February, 1867) on Dec. 18, 1888. She was the daughter of Thomas and Julia Laird.

No picture of him is available but a picture of his wife and children, and a character sketch by his daughter, Nelle Thompson, follow. His children are listed in the Jesse Knowles record.

EDWIN THOMPSON

By Nelle Thompson

My father was a farmer, living on the original home his father and mother homesteaded. He never had very good health, even tho' he was a large man. He was always very much interested in all of us getting as much education as possible.

He was very interested in the growth of the little town of Hunter, Kansas, which was our home. In fact a part of the townsite was on his farm land.

He died May 3, 1940, of cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 79 years.

Nelle Thompson
865 Sheridan St., Salina, Kansas

The following was sent by Nellie Thompson. Some of it is in the Jesse Thompson record, but it is here just as she sent it. They are the families of her sisters and brothers.

Eola, born February 2, 1890; married Harry Van Leeman June 9, 1920. Harry was born Feb. 14, 1889.
One daughter, Sybil Fay, born May 3, 1922; married Robert Pettener March 28, 1944.

Carl Thompson, born December 6, 1891; married Zella, born November 26, 1891. Married October 14, 1922.
Son, Dale Thompson, born Sept. 22, 1924; married Dolores December 22, 1945.
Son, Wayne, born March 3, 1928. Married Ruth Sept. 27, 1953.

Ellen, born November 6, 1893, married John Cowell, who was born in June, 1896. He died April 18, 1918.
Daughter, Eileen, born July 1, 1918; married to Al Boch April 27, 1942.

Jesse Thompson, born December 5, 1895; married Ruth December 22, 1920. Ruth was born December 5, 1895.
Son, Neil B. Thompson, born October 17, 1921.
Son, Jule L., born July 22, 1925.

George and Violet Thompson were married September 21, 1922.
George was born May 21, 1899; Violet on August 3, 1900
Daughter, Carolyn, born August 12, 1921; married Keith Lamb in April, 1940.
Son, Georgie, born January 16, 1934.

Robert and Maxine Thompson married October 23, 1943. Robert was born August 14, 1903; Maxine, April 1, 1916.

Nellie Thompson and Nettie Thompson, born March 12, 1901.

Fannie Thompson, born February, 1908.

Part Three

CALEB THOMPSON

Caleb Thompson, son of James and Abigail Thompson, was born November 7, 1758. He was married to Mehitable Knowles, daughter of Jesse and ____ Knowles. Caleb died November 16, 1830. Mehitable died October 11, 1840, at the age of 75 years.

Caleb Thompson enlisted as a private February 26, 1777, and served under Lt. John Trask with Col. David Leonard's regiment. He served 44 days on an expedition to Ticonderoga and was discharged April 10, 1777. He was paid for travel home, 180 miles, which would put him in New Hampshire county (now Franklin county) where he resided until 1790. Records show he was listed for taxes at that time. He had four sons. We think he must have spent some time in Vermont as he had relatives there and as he was a Green Mountain Boy no doubt made some friends there.

His sons are listed as:

Joshua, born 1785, died December 29, 1794, at the age of 9 years.

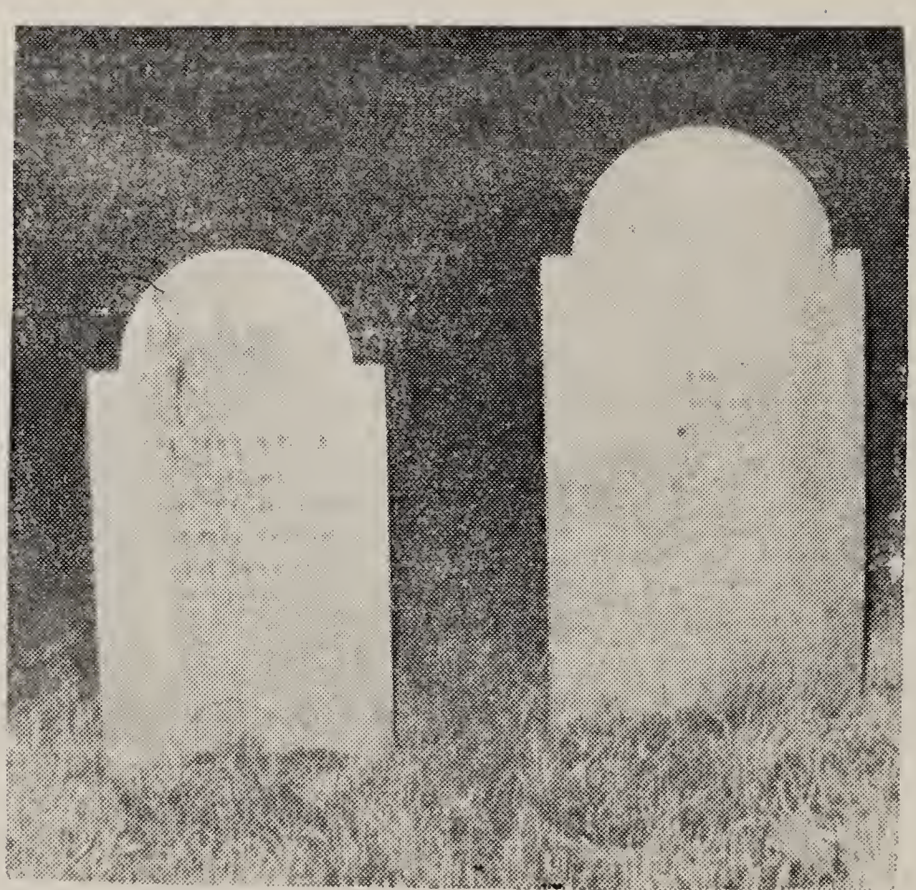
Ezra, born 1787 and died July 29, 1792, at the age of 5 years.

Freeman, born 1796 and died September 25, 1825, age 25 years.

There were probably other children but at present we have no knowledge of them.

Both Caleb and Mehitable Thompson are buried in the New Salem, Mass., graveyard with some of the children.

The author joined the Daughters of the American Revolution on this line.



This picture of the New Salem cemetery was sent by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Thompson of Orange, Mass. The inscription says:

"Mehitable Thompson wife of Caleb Thompson died Oct. 11, 1844 75 years. Caleb Thompson Nov. 16, 1829 71 years. No pain nor grief, nor anxious fears can invade thy bounds, no mortal woes, can reach the peaceful sleeper here While angels watch his soft repose."

JESSE THOMPSON

Son of Caleb and Mehitable Knowles, born July 21, 1798, probably in New Salem, Mass. He died September 26, 1836. Married Sally Rawson, daughter of Lemuel and Sarah Rawson, April 20, 1812. She was born in April, 1792, and died October 15, 1853.

Children of Jesse and Sally Thompson

Jesse Knowles, born 1812.
Sally Czarina, born October 16, 1814.
Oran, September 25, 1816.
Oran Rawson, January 24, 1820.
Abel Rasselas, July 29, 1823.
Freeman, February 6, 1826.
Lois Amelia, December 26, 1834.
Infant, unnamed, September, 1834, died.
Jesse Knowles, January 19, 1836.

Sally Rawson Thompson

We do not know when Jesse Thompson left Massachusetts or if he died before the family left. He died in 1836 and his widow married Bildad Hubbard in 1838. He was the son of Iseral and ____ Hubbard. Iseral Hubbard is listed as a pensioner in Ohio. Sally and Bildad Hubbard had 3 sons. One was Charles who, at last report, was in Riverside, Calif.

Sally Rawson Thompson

Rawson Genealogy

Lemuel Rawson, born in Warwick, Mass., January 18, 1767. He was the father of Sally Rawson Thompson, ancestor of Effie Mary Ann Thompson Biggs, author. He married Sarah Barrus on September 8, 1791 at Warwick. (Born October 18, 1770 at Richmond, New Hampshire.

Lemuel Rawson, Jr., married Rebecca King in 1816. Their children were Clara, born in 1819; Martha, 1821; Candice, 1823; Milly, 1825; Abel, 1827, who lived one year; Abel, 1829; Marble Cornelius, 1830; Lemuel Henry, 1833; Joseph King, 1835.

Dora Lillian, daughter of Marble Cornelius, married Daniel Webster Thompson, son of Barney and Elmira Strang Thompson. Other children were Julia Ann, Josephine, George, Edward and Warren.

Children of Dora Lillian Thompson:

Walter Adelbert, born 1881; Louis Jackson, born 1884, died 1886; Ida May, born 1886; Willie Carl, born 1888, died 1910; Merle Johnson, born 1894; Gladys Edna, born 1896; and Percy Webster, born 1902.

Gladys Edna m Matthews, dec. children; Gertrude, 4 children; Ruby, dec. 2 children; Chester, 2 children, Alice, 2 children.

Ida May m Matthews children: Melvin, 1 daughter; Glenn, 3 children; Esther's son has Michael and Linda; Arlington m Valentine Kamimsky, Dec. 25, 1953; Lloyd m. Edwina Scott of Dayton, Ohio, on June 20, 1953; Shirley m Stanley Sroka, children, Valarie and John.

Percy Webster Thompson, born December 30, 1902; married Florance Achsah Webster on June 24, 1925. Children: Jack Sidney Thompson born Dec. 2, 1927, killed by berserk soldier in Korea January 7, 1952, the day he was to come home. He was a sergeant in the military police. Married Diane Stone March 4, 1951.
Also Edward Leslie Thompson born Nov. 23, 1930; Audrey Elaine Thompson born Dec. 2, 1933.

PERCY THOMPSON FAMILY

Left to right: Edward, Percy, Audrey, Florance and Jack.

Copied from gravestones in North New Salem—

Stella A., Daughter of E. A. and J. B. Rawson, died Aug. 26, 1880
Age 1 year, 1 month and 24 days.

Abel Rawson, Member of Co. C, 36th Regt. Mass. Vol., died Nov. 27, 1912 Born - Jan. 24, 1829.

Charles A. Rawson _____ 1858_____1946

Ida M. - wife -_____ 1859_____1923

Villa M. Arlen - daughter __ 1895_____1944

Olynda B. - wife of Abel Rawson - Feb. 3, 1829 - Feb. 10, 1898

Copied from Gravestones in New Salem Center—

James Thompson - Oct. 28, 1819 - 65 years old

Mary Thompson - wife - March 7, 1813 - 55 years old.

Mehitable, wife of Caleb Thompson, died October 11, 1840, age 75.

Caleb Thompson - November 16, 1829 - age 71.

Dr. Freeman Thompson, son of Caleb and Mehitable Thompson, died September 25, 1825, age 29.

Joshua, son of Caleb and Mehitable Thompson, died December 29, 1794, age 9. (At the left lie two infant brothers and a sister)

Ezra Thompson, son of Caleb and Mehitable Thompson, died July 29, 1792, age 5.

"In Memory of Miss Ruth, dautr. of Mr. James and Mrs. Abigail Thompson who was killed ye 11th of Oct. 1777 by the falling of a fence in ye 12th year of her age."

Orin, son of Jesse and Sally Thompson, died October 14, 1816 at three weeks.

Mr. James Thompson.

Clark Wallace Thompson

Clark Wallace Thompson was born in LaCrosse, Wis., August 6, 1896. He moved to Oregon in 1901 with his parents who settled in Cascade Locks, and attended the common schools and the University of Oregon at Eugene, during the first World War. He enlisted as a private on May 25, 1917, in the U. S. Marine Corps, and was promoted to corporal, serving until honorably discharged on December 15, 1908. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps reserve on December 16, 1918. He moved to Galveston, Texas, in 1919.

Thompson engaged in the insurance business until 1920 and retail dry goods business from 1920 to 1931, after which he engaged as public relations consul. He was elected as a Democrat to the 73rd Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clay Stone Briggs, serving from June 4, 1933, to January 3, 1935. He was not a candidate for renomination in 1934, and he resumed activities as a public relations consul.

He was a delegate to the State Democratic convention in Austin in 1936. He organized the 15 Battalion Marine Corps Reserves in Galveston Co., Texas, in 1936 and was called to active duty November 1, 1940, and served as lieutenant colonel with the Second Marine Division in the Pacific and later returned to Marine Headquarters to head the Division Reserve.

Thompson was promoted to colonel on October 18, 1942, and placed on the retirement list June 1, 1948, at which time he returned as public relations consul.

He was elected to the 80th congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph J. Mansfield and served from August 23, 1947 to January 3, 1949. He was reelected to the 81st Congress and is still serving in 1954.

Clark Wallace Thompson is a decendant of James Thompson, a brother of our Caleb Thompson, and gave me the information that led to finding "The Memorial to James Thompson" and so finished our story back to 1630 when our first James Thompson came over from England. For this we are deeply grateful.

Clark Wallace Thompson married Libbie Moody of Galveston, Texas, November 16, 1918, in Richmond, Virginia. He has two children: Clark Wallace Jr., married to Rosalie Anne Meador of Houston and has one daughter, Anne; and Libbie, married to Charles Craig Marshall and has one son, John Marshall.

Oran Rawson Thompson

Oran Rawson Thompson, son of Jesse and Sally Thompson was born January 24, 1820, and married Sharlott Rebecca Blodgett, daughter of Stillman and Mary Blodgett February 7, 1841. He died March 9, 1900 and is buried in the Ontario graveyard near Holton, Kan., where he died. Sharlotte is buried in the Clear Lake cemetery in Beaver county, Oklahoma. She died at the home of her daughter, Mary Barrett, March 19, 1907. Oran was a doctor in the early days in Ohio and Kansas. He was born in New Salem, Mass., and moved to Ohio about 1836, residing near Findlay. He later moved to Indiana, and then to Kansas, near Portis, and moving to Holton, Kan., where he lived for some time. In 1898 he came to Cleo Springs, Okla., with his wife and one son. At the death of his son, he went back to Holton where he died the next spring. His children are listed as follows:

Lorenzo F.

Daniel Loren

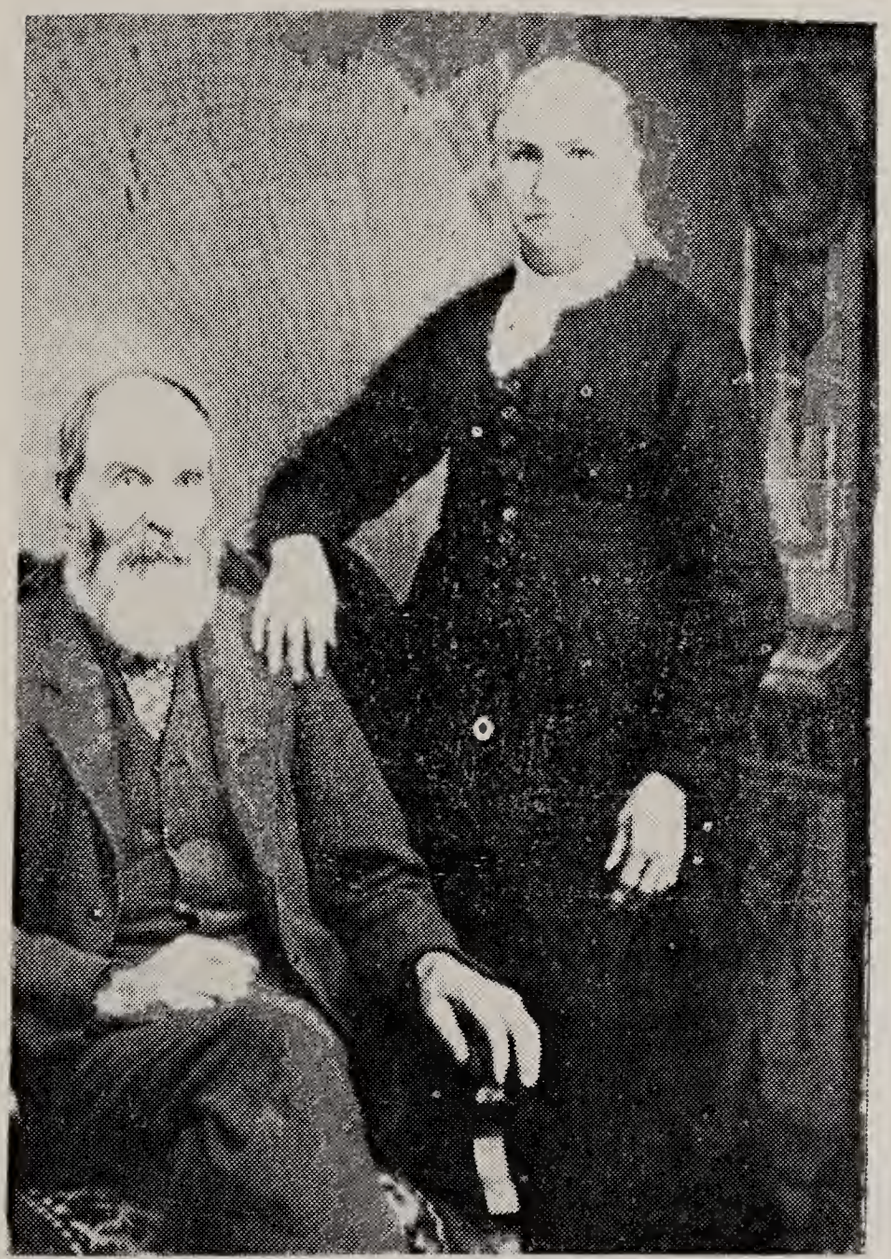
Lemuel Rawson

Mary Elizabeth and twin sister Sarah Eliza

William Harrison

There were other children who died when small that we have no record of.

My grandfather, Oran Thompson, was a kind and good gentleman of the old school. He was a music teacher and cabinet maker as well as a doctor. He quit doctoring as his hearing failed as well as his health.



Oran and Sharlott Thompson

Oran Thompson and his wife Sharlott and Jesse Knowles Thompson and who can name the others? The picture was taken at a reunion in Hicksville, Ohio, taken by a Blodgett Studio.

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Obituary of Mary Flint Blodgett

BLODGETT—Mary Flint was born in the State of Connecticut June 17, 1794, and died in Putnam County, Ohio, September 24, 1891, aged 97 years, 3 months and 7 days.

On January 17, 1817 in Orange County, Vt., she was married to Stillman Blodgett who died in Putman Co., Ohio, December 20, 1863.

Soon after their marriage they moved from Vermont to Lower Canada, where they continued to reside until about 1823, when they returned to Vermont. In 1825 they resided in the state of New York and from there they moved to Wayne County, Ohio, in about 1827. In 1838 they moved from Wayne County to Putman County and settled on the farm now owned by their son William where they both lived.

To them was born 4 sons and 5 daughters. One son and 3 daughters are now dead. The greater part of their active lives was spent in the toils, privations, and hardships of pioneering on the border of civilization. To them danger, hardships and privations, for many years were every day events. Adversity and hardships often made their early life bitter. But by industry, economy and filial affection, their later years were freed from the adversities of early life.

Their early Christian associations were largely among the Presbyterians. The memories of those associations lived as cherished thoughts to the closing scenes of both their lives.

In 1855, they were privileged to visit the homes of their childhood and early life, and after an absence of more than 30 years, they were again permitted to hear their old pastor preach from the same desk where from their early childhood he had been preaching.

At the organization of Riley Creek Class, in Putman County, Ohio, they both united with the Methodist Protestant Church, in about 1852, and remained members thereof until transferred to the church above.

Mary Blodgett was not a woman of strong physical powers, but she was endowed with a mind of far more than ordinary ability and left her impress for good in every association of life.

For a number of years her hearing was very heavy which made it very difficult to converse with her. But she retained, almost to the very close of her life, her mental facilities in a remarkable degree.

In early life, none knew adversity and hardship more than she. But, when old age fathered its infirmities around her, no one could be farther removed from life's cares than she was. Affliction sweetened life's temporal blessings, and her last years were made as pleasant as the close of life could well be made.

She served well her day and generation, and left behind the blessed assurance that she had entered into that rest which remains for the people of God.

—N. B. Rose

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Know ye, that Lorenzo F. Thompson a Private of Captain William W. Agnew's Company, (B) 87 Regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers who was enrolled on the Twenty-sixth day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty two to serve three years during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States this Tenth day of June, 1865, at Washington D. C. by reason of Telegram Orders from War Dept. of May 18, 1865, providing for the muster out of men whose term of service expires prior to October 1, 1865.

(no objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said Lorenzo F. Thompson was born in Putman Co. in the State of Ohio, is nineteen years of age, Five feet eight inches high, Dark complexion, Hazel eyes, Dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer.

Given at — Near Washington D. C. this tenth day of June 1865.

Paid in full June 25, 1865, by Wm. K. Bunny, Paymaster W.D.C.

Jacob B. Klins
Capt. 16 Inft. A.C.M. 3rd Div. 14th A. C.
Mustering Officer.

William W. Agnew, Capt. 87th Ind. Vols. Commanding Co. B.
(Affidavit dated Seattle, Washington, this 20th day of Aug., 1949)

Signed Lela Land, daughter.

Lorenzo F. Thompson

Lorenzo F. Thompson, a carpenter of this city, died today from uremic poisoning. He was 68 years, 5 months and 22 days of age, being born in Putnam County, Ohio, August 31 1843. He was a Veteran of the Civil War, serving as a private in the 87th Indiana Infantry for three years. He was a member of the Methodist church and the funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 23, at 2:30 P. M. at the home, 1326 Lakin Street in this city, by Rev. Cockerill. The deceased was a man who was well thought of by all who knew him, and who made many friends. He leaves two daughters, Lola May Kent and Lela H. Thompson, one brother, D. L. Thompson, of Holton, Kansas, and one sister, Molly Barrett, of Oklahoma, and four grandchildren. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the community in their sad hour.—Great Bend paper.

Mr. Thompson was at one time a resident of this county and was a charter member of the Netawaka post. Mr. D. L. Thompson of this city and his son, Frank, of Ontario, attended the funeral.

Lorenzo Thompson

Lorenzo F. Thompson, first son of Oran and Sharlott Thompson was born August 31 in Findlay, Ohio. He died in Great Bend, Kan., January 22, 1912.

Married Smilda Sporer who died after giving birth to two children:

Anna (Mellie) born October 18, 1870; died Sept. 1902.
Joseph (Jodie) died at the age of ten years.

Married Emma Maupin, September 3, 1885.

Children:

Lola May, born February 6, 1887. in Hill City, Kan.
Married December 9, 1908, to Charles Leroy Kent in Kansas City, Mo.

Lela H., born September 29, 1895; married to Cecil Land of Great Bend, Kan., October 18, 1916, in Lucas, Kan.

Anna Melretta Thompson

Anna Melretta Thompson, called Mellie, was the first daughter of Lorenzo and Semilda (Sporer) Thompson. She was born October 18, 1870, and died September 1902.

She married Marshall Franklin Garrett at Atchinson, Kansas, August 29, 1889. He was born September 5, 1865, and died June 8, 1933, and is buried in the Garrett Cemetery at Delta, Iowa.

They had seven children as follows:

Vera Mae (Atwood) born December 13, 1889
Lola Edna (Suggett) born August 15, 1891
Zelma Leona (Hardie) born October 6, 1893
Hazel Dell (Gregory, Watson) born May 3, 1895
Alma Cleo (Grovier) born February 16, 1897
Hubert Arthur, born March 25, 1899
Walter Kenneth, born February 28, 1901

This information was furnished by Vera Mae Atwood of Good Cheer, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Garrett

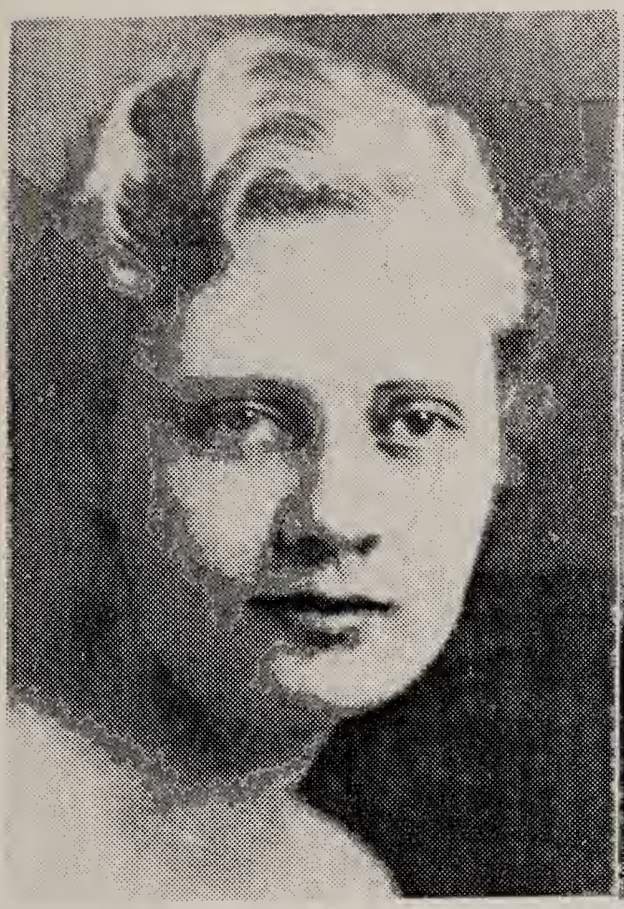
Vera Mae Garrett

Vera Mae Garrett, daughter of Marshall and Anna Garrett was born December 13, 1889. She married Jack Atwood. Their children were:

Cecil Miles Atwood, born March 29, 1915 in Sigourney, Iowa.
Marianne May Atwood, born May 25, 1918.
Harriet Rachel Atwood, born May 18, 1921.

In the spring of 1906 Vera came to Oklahoma and she stayed about two years. We found her a sweet parsonality, kind and good to children. From what I have heard, she was much like her mother.

Jack and Vera Atwood



Marianne May Atwood

Harriet Rachel Atwood

Cecil Miles Atwood

Zelma Leona Garrett

Zelma Leona Garrett, daughter of Marshall and Anna Garrett, was born October 6, 1893, and married Bert Lyman Hardie May 12, 1912. Their children were:

Berta Lucille, born August 25, 1914: died seven weeks later.

Mary Eugene, born March 2, 1916.

Lyman B., born January 24, 1920.

Mary Hardie married David Henderson
- Judith Kathleen, born March 6, 1936, married Charles Thornburg, 1950.
- Georgia Leona, born June 21, 1914
- Barbara Jean, born January 10, 1950

Lyman Hardie, married Helen L. Haushahn (deceased)
- Richard Dennis Hardie, born December 11, 1941
- Kenneth Leroy, born Ocober 26, died November 28, 1939

Lyman, married second time to Dorthea E. Massa, July 26, 1944

Hazel Dell Garrett

Hazel Dell Garrett was born on May 30, 1895. She married Earl D. Gregory on October 27 in Sigourney, Iowa, in 1916. To them was born one son, Darwin Earl, August 30, 1920. He was married to Clyde Jewell Watson October 11, 1936. Hazel Dell is now living in Long Beach, Cal.

The Garrett Grovier Family

Alma Cleo Garrett was born February 16, 1897, and married Ralph Waldo Grovier October 3, 1916. He was born December 8, 1895, and died October 27, 1951.

Children:

Hulda Winfried Grovier, born February 1, 1918
Married to Henry Van Beek, December 19, 1938.
Children—2 sons and one daughter.

Ruth Hazel Grovier, born March 16, 1920, married Robert C. Totten August 17, 1940. Children are one son and one adopted daughter.

Doris Marie Grovier, born November 12, 1921, married Arthur Dominguez. They have two sons.

Lester Kermit Grovier, born February 23, 1924, and married Lenore Halsted June 10, 1948. One son, Lester, served in U. S. Navy from December 15, 1941, ot January 1, 1947, and in the U. S. Air Force from January 1950 to November 1952.

Harriet Jeanette Grovier, born December 29, 1926
Married Douglas D. Harris November 19, 1945, and have one son and one daughter.

Blanche Irene Grovier, born November 27, 1928, and married Dwayne Irwin September 17, 1949.

June Elizabeth Grovier, born June 4, 1931, and married James T. George February 7, 1951.

Virginia Carol Grovier, born December 24, 1933 and married Jack Arthur Correll October 1949.

Lola May Thompson

Lola May Thompson, daughter of Lorenzo Thompson and Emma Maupin Thompson was born at Hill City, Kan., February 6, 1887. She was married to Charles LeRoy Kent, Kansas City, Mo., December 9, 1908.

Lola is a very small person with a gracious personality now living in Amarillo, Texas, with her family.

Son—Horace Lorenzo Kent, born December 20, 1912.

Horace Lorenzo Kent

Lola and Charles Kent

Lela Thompson

Lela Thompson was born September 29, 1895, at Lucas, Kan., and married Cecil Land, Great Bend, Kan., October 18, 1916. Their home address is Seattle, Wash.

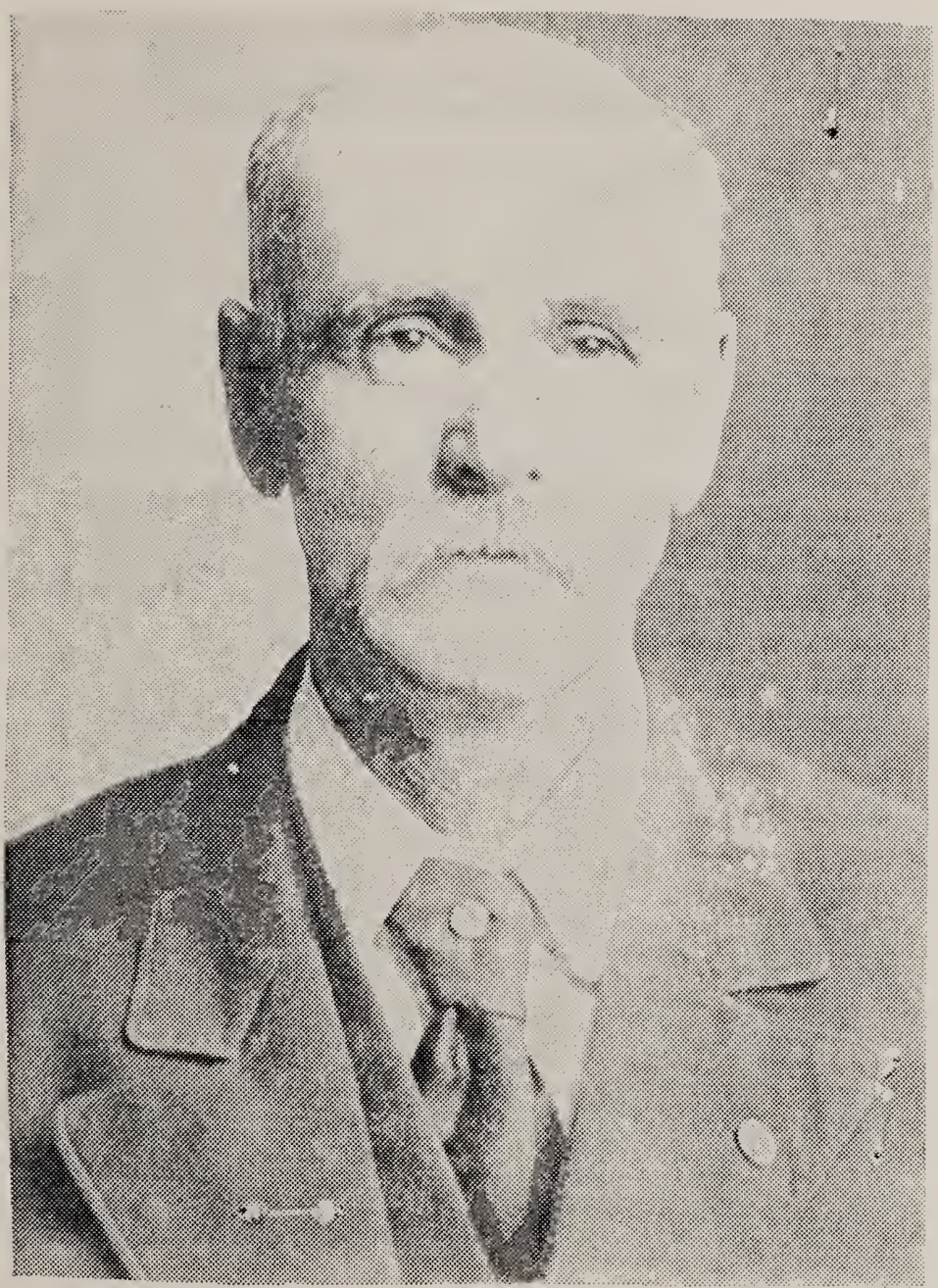
She is dainty, petite, a good singer and an accomplished musician. The following poem was her impression as she sat in the trailer July 20, 1947, on a Sunday evening.

Lake Flathead Montana

An evening on Lake Flathead
With quiet beauty was spread
As a sun setting on clear horizon
Left no brilliant hues thereon.
When twilight lowered on this cloudless sky
Not boat nor truant bird sped by.
Close above rolling hills to the west
Hung the moon a thin gold crest.
The dome of the sky became deep blue
It's rim fading to lighter hue
Matching in tone the softer grey
Of the waters at close of day.

—Lela Land

Cecil and Lela Land



Daniel Laurens Thompson

Daniel Laurens Thompson, second son of Oran and Sharlott Thompson was born in Findlay, Ohio, December 18, 1845. He died January 3, 1923, and was buried at Holton, Kansas. He married Jane Barrett, daughter of James and Rebecca Barrett May 18, 1870.

Jane was born in Kewana, Ind., February 5, 1845. She died July 9, 1881. Children were:

Martha, born September 16, 1878
Franklin F., born September 13, 1876

Children of Daniel and Mary Thompson

Mary Manly was born in Wisconsin March 30, 1864. She died May 16, 1945. The children of Daniel and Mary Thompson were:

Mabel Ruth, born March 13, 1888.
Ellen J., born December 10, 1890.
Emma D., born December 10, 1892, and died January 1, 1903.

Department of the Army
Office of the Adjutant General
Washington, D. C.

STATEMENT OF THE MILITARY SERVICE OF
DANIEL THOMPSON
Private, Co. B, 128th Indiana Infantry
CIVIL WAR

The official records show that Daniel Thompson was enrolled 14 October 1863 at Logansport, Indiana; was mustered into service 15 December 1863 at Michigan City, Indiana, as a Private, Company B, 128th Indiana Infantry, and was honorably discharged 10 April 1866 at Raleigh, North Carolina as a Private.

His personal description is recorded as follows: birthplace, Putnam Co., Ohio; age at enrollment, 18 years; occupation, carpenter; height, 5 ft. 8 inches; eyes, black; hair, black; complexion, light.

Official statement furnished 15 March 1949. By Authority of the Secretary of the Army.
—Edward F. Witsell, Major General, The Adjutant General

Daniel Laurens Thompson

Daniel Laurens Thompson was born in Putnam County, Ohio, December 18, 1845, and passed away at his home in Holton, Wednesday morning, January 3, 1923, at the age of 77 years and 16 days.

He was the son of Oran and Sharlott Thompson and was one of a family of eight children. One member of the family, a sister, survives.

His early boyhood days were spent in Ohio. Later his parents moved to Logansport, Ind., and it was here his schooling was obtained in the log school house of the day.

At the age of 17 he, with a younger and an older brother, enlisted in the Civil war. He and the two brothers survived and received honorable discharges. On his return he learned his trade from his father who was a carpenter.

On August 18, 1870, he was married to Jane Barrett at Kewanee. Of this family there were four children, Hal B., Frank and Martha and one who died in infancy. The mother died when the youngest child, Martha, was three years old.

On May 23, 1887, Mr. Thompson and Mary C. Manley were married at Osborne City, Kansas. Three girls came to bless this family, Mabel, Ellen and Emma. Emma died in infancy. In 1874, he came to Portis, Kansas, and experienced the hard times associated with the grasshopper year. He lived in Smith County, also Osborne county and for the last twenty-five years has lived in Holton.

His war record shows he was a member of Co. B, 128th Regiment, of Logansport, Ind. He was a member of Will Wendell post of this place and at different times held the office of post commander.

He will be missed by his wife, five children, and the post comrades by his church. He united with the United Bretheren church soon after coming to Holton. Only the Sabbath before his death he was in his usual place at Sabbath school and morning service.

Those who survive are his wife, two sons, Hal B., and Frank, three daughters, Mrs. Martha Ernst, Miss Mabel Thompson and Mrs. Ellen Butrum, all but one of whom reside in or near Holton and were present at the funeral.

The funeral services were held Saturday at the United Bretheren church, conducted by Rev. J. M. Manion, and the interment was in the Holton cemetery.

Hal B. Thompson

Son of Daniel and Jane Thompson

Hal B. Thompson was born October 13, 1873. He married Nellie Shellabarger in September, 1903, in Otego, Kansas.

Son—Waldean, born September 17, 1903. He married Virginia Roabaugh in Smith County, Kansas, in May of 1921.

Hal is the only one of the cousins I have not found. No one seems to know what happened to him. I was about 14 when he visited us and he was about 21. He wrote what I thought was a charming piece about me. It will follow.

He was a telegraph operator at Downs, Kansas, a long time. He served in the Spanish war, entering April 30, 1898, at St. Paul, Minn. He became a sergeant in Company K, 14th Regiment Minnesota Infantry.

A Kansas Girl

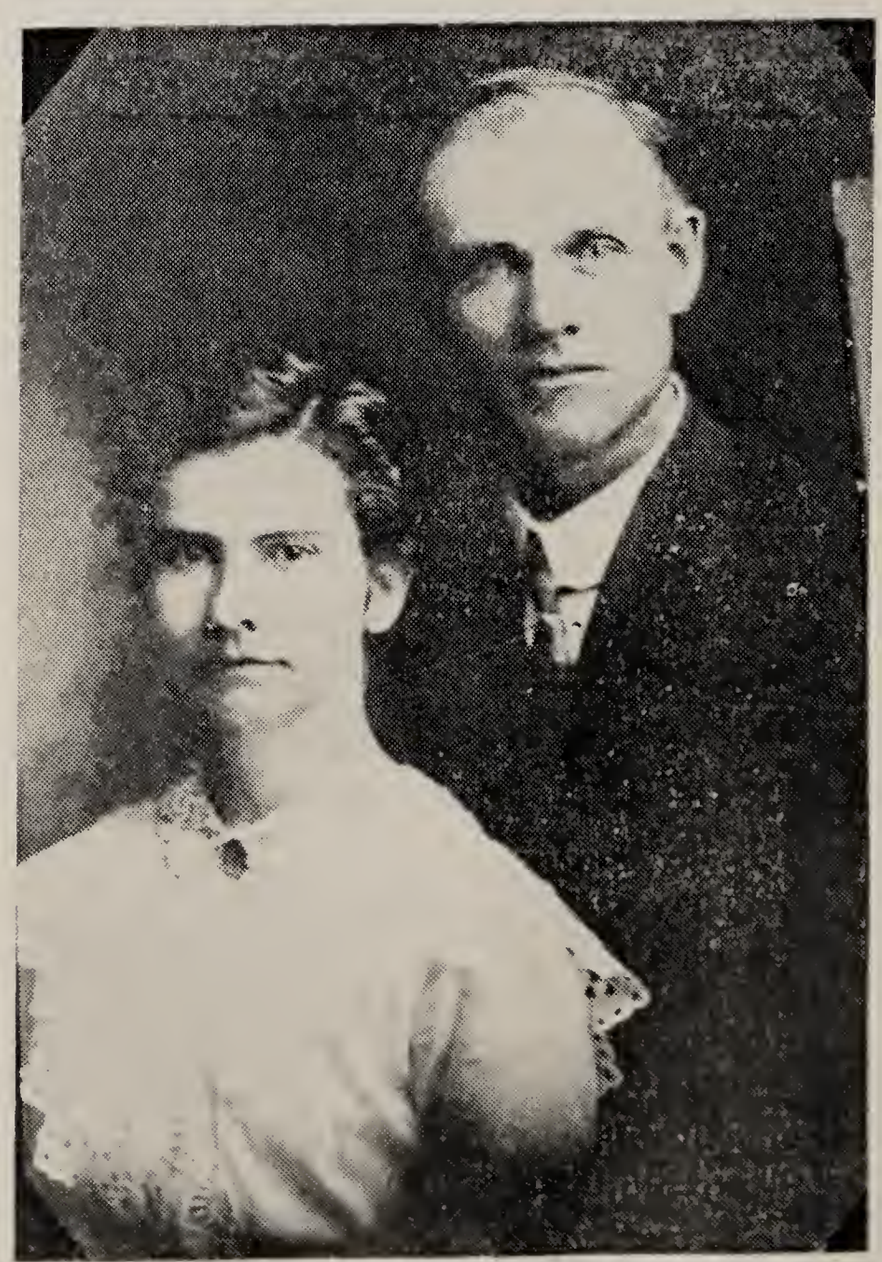
As the beautiful sun was fastly winding its way to the red horizon of the western skies, on the close of a pleasant March day, fourteen years ago, amid the singing of the birds and the whistling of winds through the valleys of western Kansas, in a little stone house was born a child. Years and years rolled on and soon this fair young maiden was found in the public schools of Kansas, where she attained honors highest attainable. It fell to her lot to travel to distant lands, and gain new laurels, and today you may find the subject of this sketch figuring prominently in the schools, churches, and the social functions on the plains of western Oklahoma. The future of this fair maiden from the past is no doubt to be successful, and the writer as well as the entire community wish her a successful career and it can be truthfully said that nowhere within the borders of the United States can a more loyal heart and nobler womanhood than can be found under the tattered straw hat and the barefooted, sunburnt Kansas "lass." —Signed Hal B. Thompson.

Frank Thompson

Frank Thompson was the second son of Daniel and Jane Thompson. He was born September 16, 1876.

He married Mabel Anderson April 20, 1913. They had one son, Ralph Franklin, born June 12, 1913.

Frank Thompson lives at Goff, Kansas, where he farms. He has blue eyes, fair hair, light complexion, is honest and dependable.



Frank and Mabel Thompson

Ralph Franklin Thompson

Ralph Franklin, only son of Frank and Mabel Thompson, was born June 12, 1913, at Goff, Kansas. He married Mary Lilla Willes September 25, 1943. Their children are Mary Lee, born July 21, 1946, and Peter Hayes, born August 3, 1948.

Ralph works in the Pentagon in Washington, D. C.

Paul Joeseph Ernst

Paul Joeseph Ernst was born February 14, 1909. He was the son of Frank and Martha Ernst and married Lena Marie Gerber January 5, 1913. She was born November 16, 1908. Their children were:

Paul Joeseph Ernst Jr., born February 28, 1939.
Elizabeth Louise, born August 25, 1942.

Paul was the first of the relatives found after years of separation and led us to the rest of the Thompson cousins and so should be especially honored in this book. He lives in Holton, Kan., and was a mail carrier at that time.

Martha Thompson

Martha Thompson, daughter of Daniel and Jane Thompson, was born September 16, 1878, and died February 14, 1953. She was married to Frank Ernst Sr., who died February 5, 1926. Their children:

Anna Mabel, born August 31, 1904; died after nine days.
Frank, born July 18, 1905.
Thelma, born July 20, 1906.
Paul, born February 14, 1909.
All were born in Holton, Kansas.

Martha taught school in the early days at Cleo, Okla., living with her grandparents, Oran and Sharlott Thompson. She later went back to her home in Holton, Kan., where she was married. She was a tall, slim girl, with dark hair which was long and heavy, and had dark eyes; a lovely girl. This is her picture when young.

Martha Thompson

Mabel Ruth Thompson

Mable Ruth Thompson was born May 13, 1888, in Holton, Kansas. She was the second daughter of Daniel and Mary Manly Thompson.

She was a teacher in the public schools of Kansas, teaching in the western part most of the time and started many a boy and girl in the way to health and wealth.

She is now in retirement in Topeka, Kan., and is smoothing the path of the aged as a companion and friend in need.

She is small in stature, very attractive, has dark hair and eyes.

Mabel Thompson as a young girl, with her sister, Ellen, on the left.

Ellen J. Thompson

Ellen J. Thompson, daughter of Daniel and Mary Thompson, was born December 10, 1890. She was married to Caude Butrum and lived in Holton for many years. She now lives in Texarkana, Texas.

Children of Ellen and Claude Butrum:

Elizabeth Doris, born October 13, 1909, married Max Eaton July 15, 1933. Their children are Janis K. Eaton, born March 7, 1935, East Chicago, Ill.; William Thomas Eaton, born February 22, 1938, Wilmington, Cal., and Phylis Maretta, born in Long Beach, Calif.

F. Joe, married Ava Elizabeth Hess of Owata, Kan., June 13, 1937. Their children are Fred Ness Butrum, born in Texarkana, Tex., August, 1943, and Shirley Ann Butrum, born in Holton, Kan., December 25, 1945.

Janis K. Eaton Was married to Charles Ernest Day Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Butrum
Shirley and Freddie

Janis K. Eaton

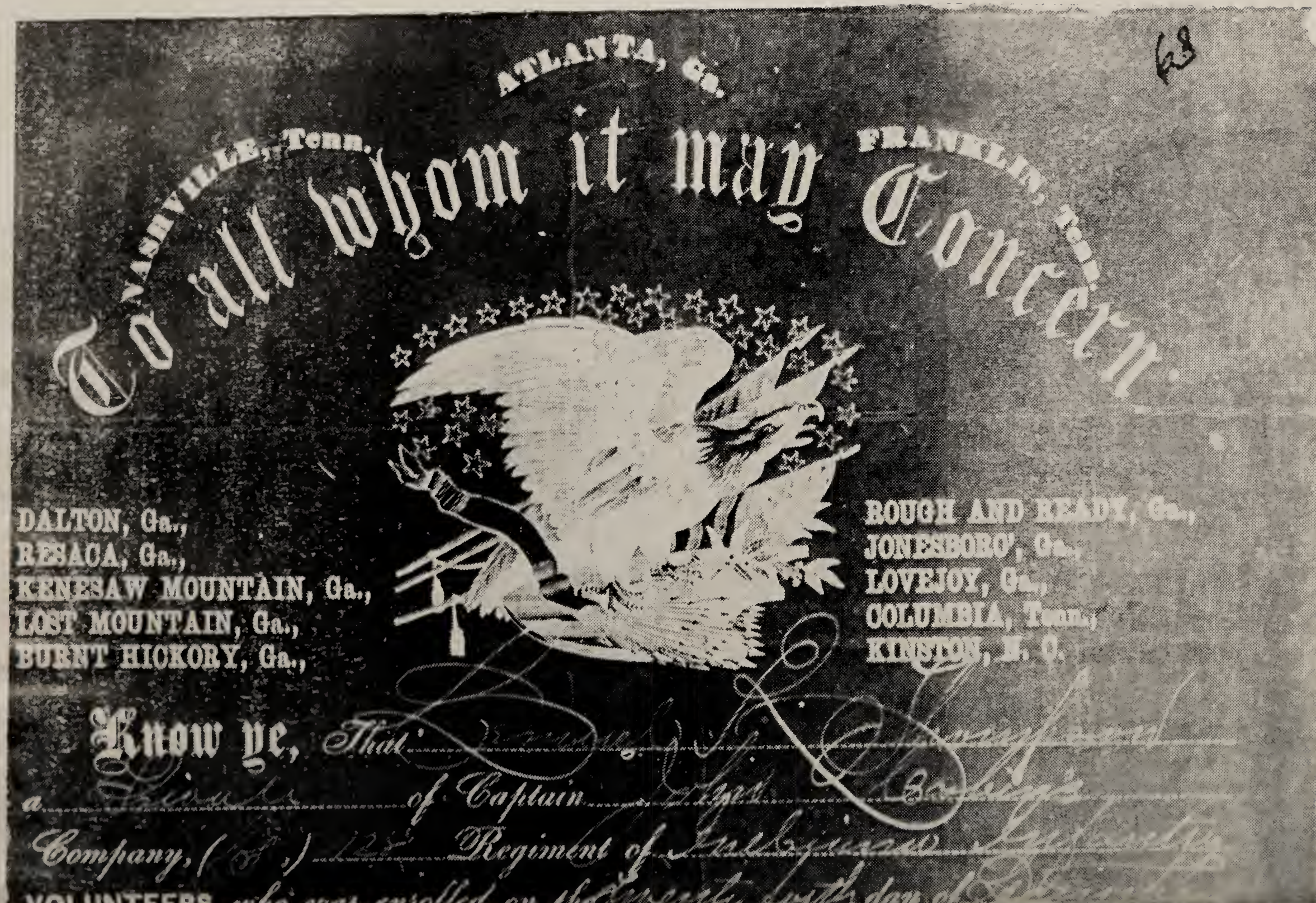
Autumn is a beautiful old lady
Gathering in her faded flowers
From a garden that has known Spring-time.
A colorful old soul, replete with recollections of wild tumultous hours
That are no more.

Auf Wie Dersehen

Once more the parting and the pain
Again the separation
Our love is like a brief succession
Of beautiful summer days
Broken by long and dreary rain
Our life is but a lonely song
A song of love with a refrain
Of sadness—of Auf Wie Dersehen
Once more the separation
Again the parting will be long
And yet the rain, the loving, the refrain
Produce in turn the summer's flower
The ecstacy of love's short hour
The balance of the song
We will be true and we shall meet again.

—Poems by Joe Butrum published in a book of poems

Joe and Ava Butrum


ATLANTA, Ga.
NASHVILLE, Tenn.
FRANKLIN, Tenn.
To all whom it may Concern.
DALTON, Ga.,
RESACA, Ga.,
KENESAW MOUNTAIN, Ga.,
LOST MOUNTAIN, Ga.,
BURNT HICKORY, Ga.,
ROUGH AND READY, Ga.,
JONESBORO', Ga.,
LOVEJOY, Ga.,
COLUMBIA, Tenn.,
KINSTON, N. C.
Know ye, That
a Private of Captain
Company, ( ) Regiment of
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the
day of

one thousand eight hundred and sixty three to serve [illegible] years or during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1865, at [illegible] by reason of [illegible]

(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said [illegible] was born in [illegible] in the State of [illegible], is [illegible] years of age, [illegible] feet [illegible] inches high, [illegible] complexion, [illegible] eyes, [illegible] hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a [illegible]

Given at [illegible] this [illegible] day of [illegible] 1865

[illegible]

[illegible]

Commanding the Regt.

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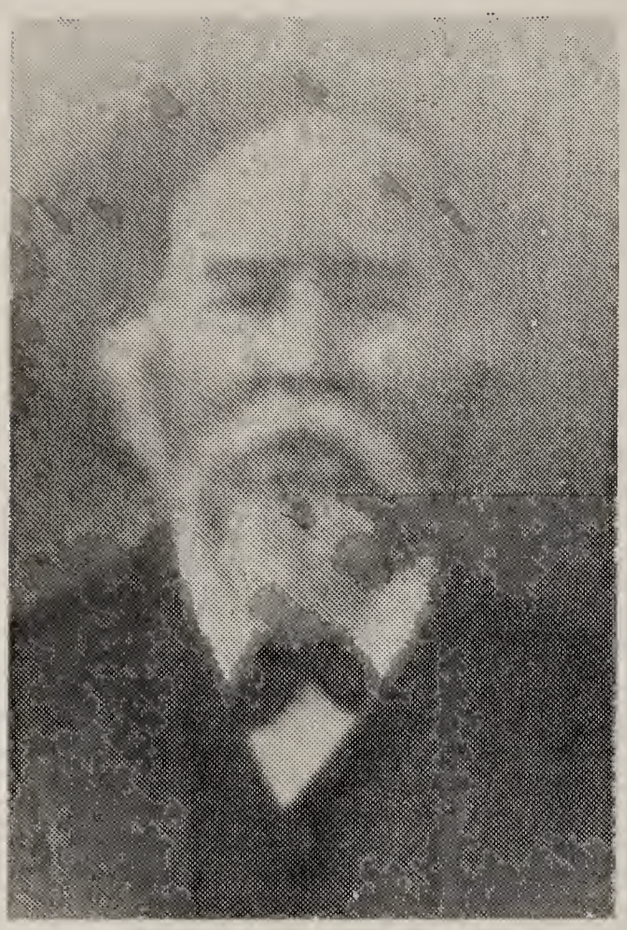
Lemuel Rawson Thompson



Lemuel Rawson Thompson, third son of Oran and Sharlott Thompson, was born in Findley, Ohio, January 20, 1848. He died March 13, 1910.

He married Mary Catherine Smith (daughter of Benjamin and Susan Smith) December 20, 1877, in Osborne City, Kansas, and lived in Portis, Kansas. They made three trips to the Texas Panhandle near Higgins hoping to get established there but went back to Osborne county, Kansas, where he lived until 1896 when with his wife and children, moved to Cleo Springs, Oklahoma. They lived there until 1899 when they moved to Belva, Oklahoma, and left there in 1896 to go to Logan and near Clearlake, Oklahoma. He died there and is buried in Clearlake cemetery. Mary Thompson died December 6, 1903, and is buried in the West Creek cemetery near Belva.

Lemuel Thompson was a Civil war soldier and his record precedes. He was a leader among men and was always a Sunday school superintendent in the Methodist church. He was also a great singer and taught singing in Kansas in the early day. He hunted buffalo with his brother Lorenzo Thompson on the plains of Kansas, taking the hides to Leavenworth for sale. He was a farmer and a carpenter by trade and some of his buildings stand as a Memorial to him. He was exactly six feet tall with dark hair and snappy black eyes. He was straight as an arrow which was often remarked upon as he weighed 220 after he was sixty years old. He died as he always wanted to, "with his boots on" leading the singing in church.

A kind and loving father, he was stern when occasion demanded, and was an example to all his neighbors as a Christian man—honest, dependable and trustworthy.

He joined the Union army at 15. By putting the number, 18, in his boots he was able to say he was over 18, like many boys did at that time. He could not tell a lie.

Charles Oran Thompson

Charles Oran Thompson, son of Lemuel and Mary Thompson, was born May 27, 1879, at Portis, Kansas, and lived at different times at Higgins, Texas; Cleo, Oklahoma; Clearlake, Oklahoma; Moffat, Colorado; Belva, Oklahoma, and Seiling, Oklahoma. He is now is Auburn, Washington.

A retired farmer, he is six foot 5 inches tall and weighs about 250 pounds. He has dark hair, hazel eyes and heavy eyebrows, typical of the Thompsons. He looks like his father. He is a kind, gentle man and a favorite in his community. He married Flossie Beck, daughter of David and Ida Beck, at Belva on January 17, 1904. Flossie was born January 15, 1889, in Kansas.

Their children were:

Rosa Jaunitta, born March 14, 1905 at Belva, Oklahoma
Violet Darlene, born April 13, 1906, at Belva, Oklahoma
Lily, born February 14, 1908
Lemuel Russel, born at Clearlake, Oklahoma
Daisy Ruth, born at Garber, Oklahoma

Charles and Flossie Thompson

Rosa Juanita Thompson

Rosa Juanita Thompson was the first daughter of Charles and Flossie Thompson. She was born March 14, 1905, in Belva, Oklahoma, and married Loyd Melvin Ratliff October 30, 1926. He now is dairying at Auburn, Wash.

Sons:

Melvin Lemuel, born October 13, 1927. Married Arline May Wolf, 1948. A daughter, Malinda Lee, was born January 10, 1950, and a son was born in September of 1953.

Oren J., born March 13, 1930, married Arline Ann Hautala in 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Ratliff, Melvin and Oren

Violet Darlene Thompson

Violet Darlene Thompson, second daughter of Charles Thompson, born April 13, 1906, at Belva, Oklahoma. She married William Jacob Furnish, son of Bryan and Mary Lena (Sharp) Furnish, who was born October 22, 1911, in Oakwood, Oklahoma. The wedding was in Taloga, Oklahoma, January 2, 1933. Violet is 5 foot 4½ inches tall, with green eyes and dark brown hair.

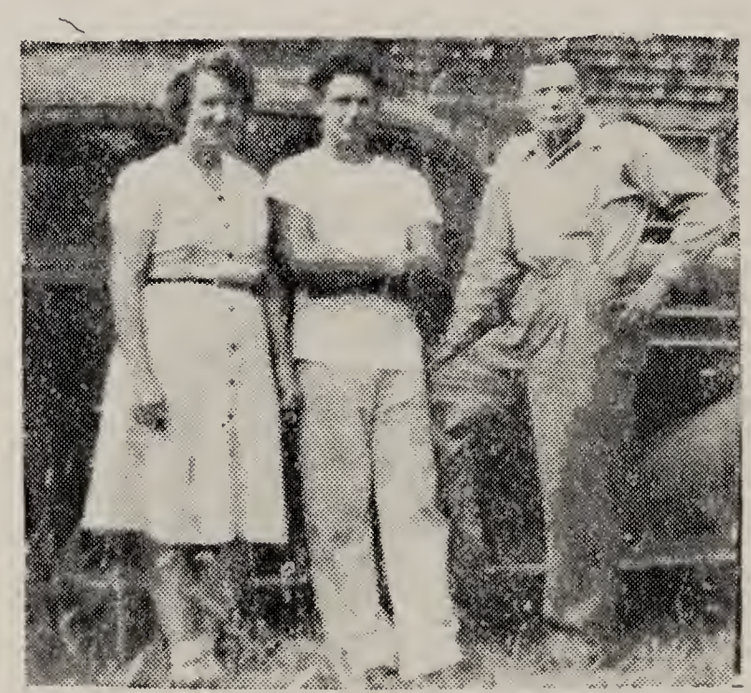
Jack Thompson, born November 30, 1933.
Delane Earl and Wayne Earl, twins, born November 30, 1934.
Delane died November 30, 1934.
Delores Lena, born North Bend, Washington, November 16, 1936

Jack Furnish

Lillie Thompson

Lillie Thompson, third daughter of Charles and Flossie Thompson, was born February 14, 1908, in Belva, Oklahoma. She was married to Gerald Robison, son of Lester Robison, July 14, 1930, and live in North Bend, Washington. Their children:

Wesley Gerald Robison, born June 30, 1931, married to Yvonne Mary Genson December 30, 1952, at Renton. They have a daughter, Angelina Marie, born September, 1953.



Gerald and Lillie Robison and Wesley

Lemuel Russel Thompson

Lemuel Russel Thompson, called Russel, is the only son of Charles and Flossie Thompson. He was born August 5, 1910, in Beaver county, Oklahoma, near Clearlake and lived in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Washington. He is now manager of a Woolworth store in Astoria, Oregon.

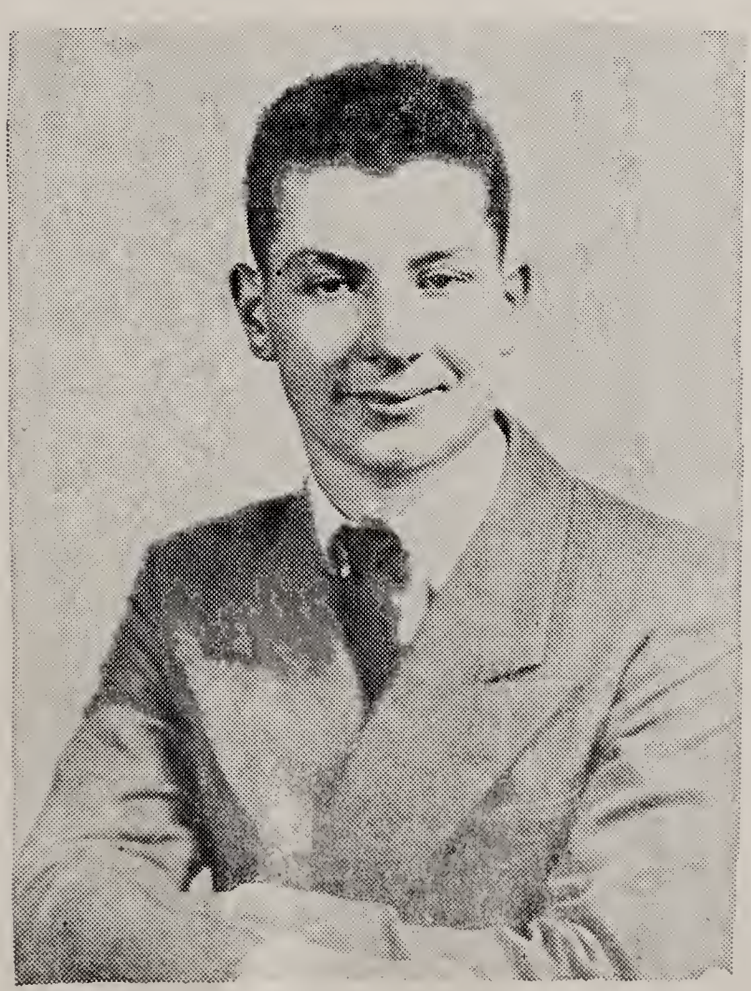
He received his B. A. at Northwestern State Teacher's college at Alva, Oklahoma, where he played football and was an all-round athlete.

He married Phillis Lilian Chase, daughter of Russel Morril and Hettie Maude DeHaven Chase, in Okmulgee, Okla., on July 5, 1932. She was born May 24, 1910, at Paw Paw, Mich.

The best description of him was given by his brother-in-law who said "He is a prince among men."

Their children are:

Russel Phillip Thompson, born October 12, 1933, at Tulsa, Okla.
Harlan Chase, born March 7, 1935, at Alva, Okla.
Charlene Marie, born October 5, 1941, at Seattle, Wash.
Charles Lemuel, born July 12, 1946, at Port Angeles, Wash.



Russel Phillip Thompson

Daisy Ruth Thompson

Daisy Ruth Thompson, fourth daughter of Charles and Flossie Thompson, was born June 13, 1913. I am putting in her own story as it seems so typical.

She has worked for Boeing Defense plant in Renton, Wash., for 12 years in about every capacity in the plant.

Dear Auntie,

Most of my history you know from the time I insisted on seeing the world, causing my mother and father to stop at Garber, Oklahoma, unhitch the horses from the covered wagon and wait for my arrival June 13, 1913.

I married Clifford Thomas Kimball at Taloga, Oklahoma, February 9, 1932.

Thomas Clifford Kimball was born to us on November 23, 1932.

Viola Charlene Kimball was born on February 12, 1935.

Clifford worked as a logger and later as business agent for C. I. O. Timber Co. He died December 29, 1944.

Thomas was called into service December 9, 1952, and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. His wife's name is Marie. Viola married Melvin Howler and they have one daughter.

Daisy Ruth Thompson

Jesse Clarance Thompson

Jesse Clarance Thompson, second son of Lemuel and Mary Thompson, was born April 7, 1882, in Portis, Kan. He married Zettie Pearl Beck, daughter of David and Ida Beck, November 6, 1906, at Belva, Okla. She was born November 5, 1890, in Kansas.

He went with his father and mother to Texas, back to Portis, Kan., on to Cleo, Okla., and then to Belva, Okla. Later he went to Beaver county, near a lake, where he homesteaded land.

He is six feet, five inches tall, weighs about 170, has blue eyes, and dark curly hair. He is an elder of the Church of Christ, and is kind, honest, "full of good works," a friend in time of need.

Their children are:

Bertha Florence, born September 18, 1907.
Ida Mary, born June 3, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thompson

Bertha Florence Thompson

Bertha Thompson, daughter of Jesse and Pearl Thompson, was born September 18, 1907, at Clear Lake, Okla. She married Thomas Fallis August 15, 1927. She was a school teacher.

Their children are:

Bertha Florence Thompson

Ethyln Beth, born February 22, 1929

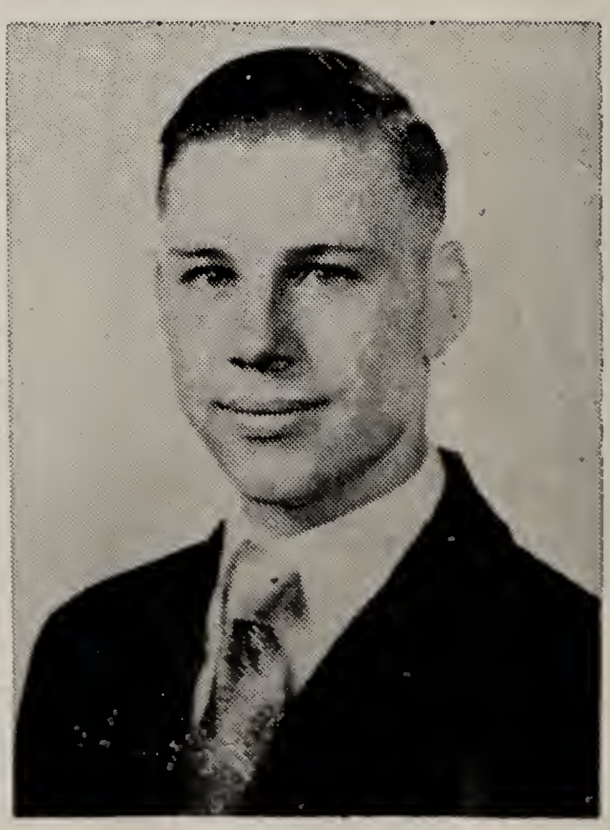
Jannis Lee, born December 21, 1931

Jerry, born April 2, 1934

Beth Fallis married Walter Wells on August 29, 1946. Their children are David Ross, born August 8, 1947, and Beverly Kay, born April 16, 1949.

Janis Lee Fallis married Cleo Roedel on December 31, 1950. Their children are Jerry Don, born January 13, 1952, and Pamela Joyce, born July 3, 1953.

Jannis Lee Fallis



Jerry Fallis

Ida May Thompson

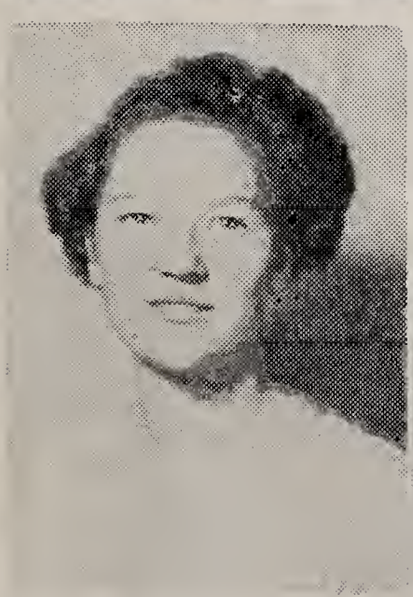
Ida May Thompson, second daughter of Jesse and Pearl Thompson, was born June 3, 1909, at Clearlake, Oklahoma. She married Albert Squires, son of Edgar and Maggie (Burton) Squires of Gotebo, Oklahoma, on October 17, 1935, at Clinton, Oklahoma.

Ida Squires has brown, curly hair and blue eyes, and is five foot and eight inches tall. She is a very good artist.

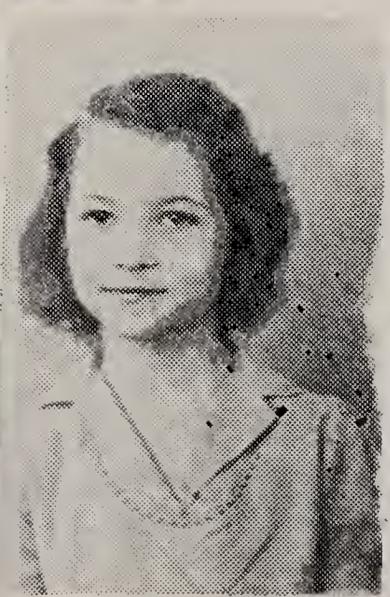
Children of Albert and Ida Squires:

Rita Marilyn, born August 1, 1936
Gayle Jeanne, born May 17, 1940
Kathleen Rose, born November 16, 1944

Ida May Thompson



Rita Marilyn Squires



Gayle Jeanne Squires

Kathleen Rose Squires

Effie Mary Ann Thompson

Effie Mary Ann Thompson, only daughter of Lemuel and Mary Thompson, was born in Smith County, Kansas, March 11, 1885. She lived in Higgins, Texas, a short time and in Portis, Kansas. From there she moved to Cleo Springs, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1893, lived there seven years and moved to Belva, Oklahoma, in the spring of 1900.

She married Milton Biggs, son of John and Arminda Biggs, March 11, 1903. Milton Biggs was born August 14, 1877, and died June 26, 1944. He was an elder in the church and was known far and wide as a gifted and generous man.

The following children were born:

Clara Viola, born April 22, 1904, Belva, Okla
Clifford Lemuel, born February 6, 1906, Belva, Okla.
Vivian Mary Irene, born June 16, 1908, Belva, Okla.
Zelma May, born April 2, 1910, Moffat, Colo.
Leona Frances, born April 5, 1912, Belva, Okla.
Lela Margaret, born December 24, 1913, Belva, Okla.
Mildred Dorothy, born May 16, 1918, Seiling, Okla.
Jessie Wilma, born March 24, 1922, Seiling, Okla.
Eola Lenore, born February 29, 1924, Seiling, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Biggs

Back Row: Zelma, Leona, Vivian, Clara, Lela, Jessie and Millie
Front Row: Lenora, Effie, Milton and Clifford

Old Home Picture Near Seiling

CHILDREN OF MILTON AND EFFIE BIGGS

Clara Viola Biggs

Clara Viola was born April 22, 1904, at Belva, Okla. She was married to Lester L. Tatge (son of William Frederick and Lula Alvima (Totton) Tatge. Lester Tatge was born on May 19, 1899, at Randolph, Nebraska. They were married January 26, 1930, at Sentinel, Oklahoma, by the Rev. George O'Neal.

Clara received her education in various schools in Oklahoma, receiving her M. A. degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She is now medical advisor for the polio foundation of Oklahoma.

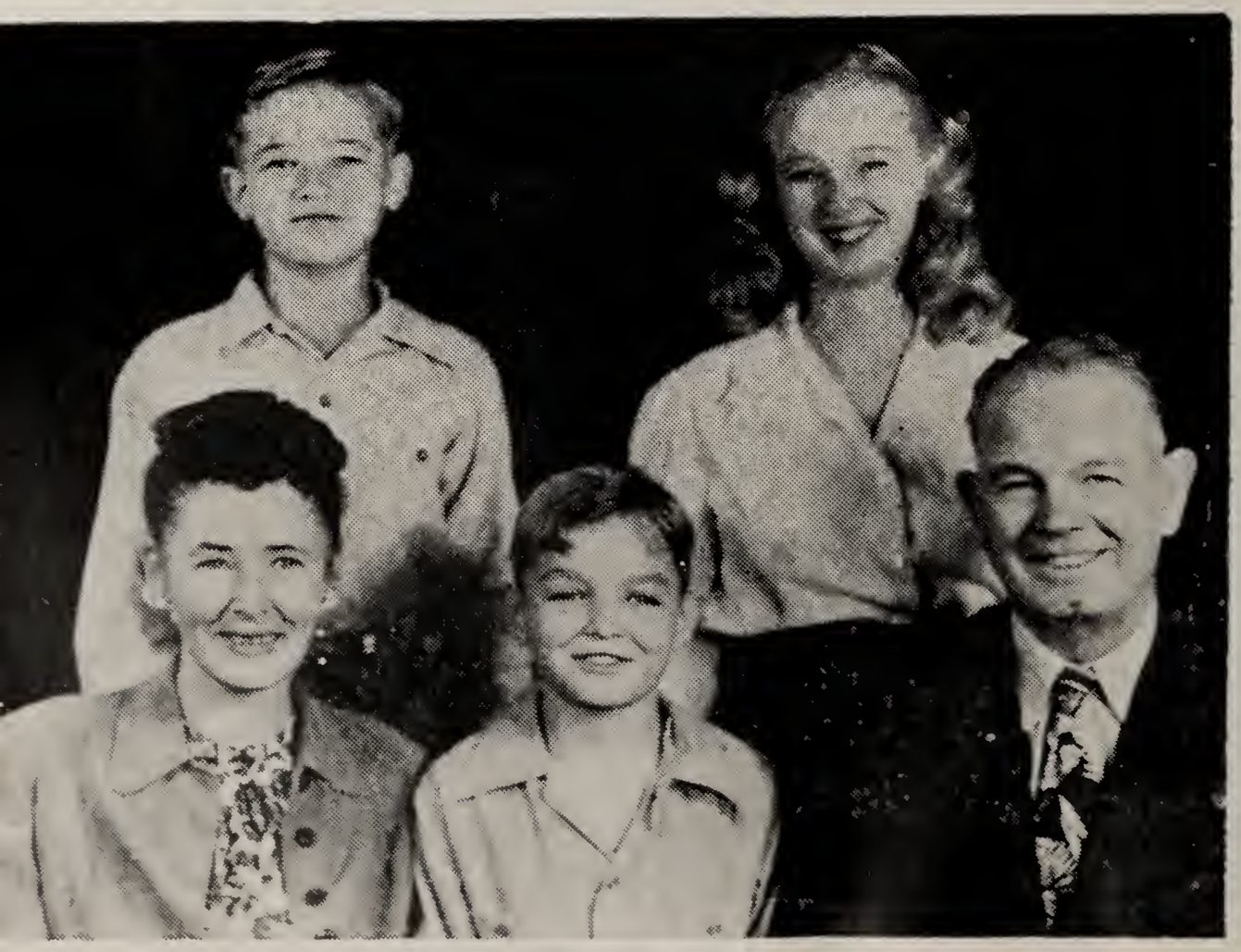
She has had several stories published and paints. She resides with her husband, a building contractor, in Norman.

Their children are:

Vivian Lenette, born January 11, 1932, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Married Leland Tenney, December 26, 1951, in Norman, the Rev. Ray Wallace officiating. A daughter, Linda Lee, was born September 20, 1953. Mr. Tenney is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and the couple is owner and publisher of the Weleetka American.

Terrell Neilan, born March 30, 1936, at Canton, Oklahoma

Allen Frederick, born September 26, 1938, at Hobart, Oklahoma.



Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tatge, Vivian, Terry and Allen

Clifford Lemuel Biggs

Clifford Lemuel Biggs, only son of Milton and Effie Biggs, was born February 6, 1906, at Belva, Oklahoma.

He was educated at Harding Christian College, Oklahoma A. and M. college and Northwestern State at Alva.

He is six feet, one inch tall, weighs 180; with brown hair and blue eyes. He taught school several years and is now farming at Seiling. He married Veda Inez Mahaffey, daughter of Clyde and Orial Jane (Matteson) Mahaffey, on July 27, 1934, at Alva, Oklahoma. She was born February 13, 1914, at Goltry, Oklahoma.

Clifford and Veda Biggs

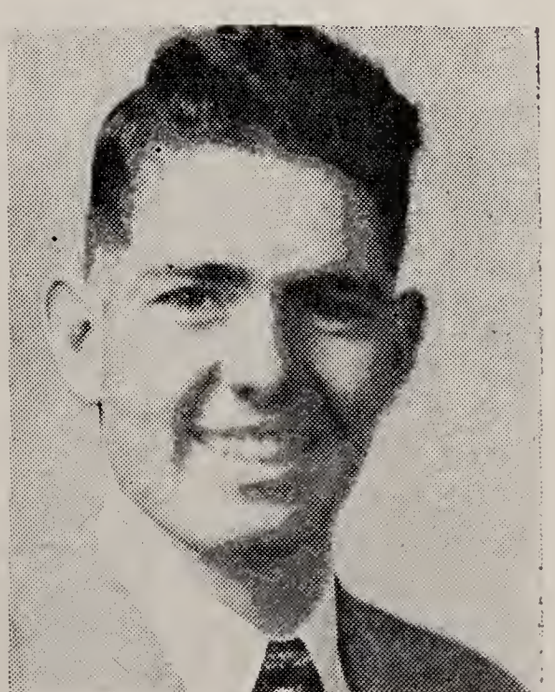
Their children are:

RBeda Lela, born Aug. 29, 1935, at Enid, Okla. She married Winston Coffey, Dec. 25, 1953. He is the son of Alva and J. O. (McDowell) Coffey.

Pauline Joy, born Mar. 17, 1937, at Enid, Okla.

Bonnie Louise, born Oct. 21, 1938, at Moffat, Colorado.

RBeda Coffey



Winston Coffey

Vivian Mary Irene Biggs

Vivian Mary Irene Biggs, second daughter of Milton and Effie Biggs, was born June 16, 1908, at Belva,Okla. She married Charles Lee Swimley, son of Charles and Ruth (Wallace) Swimley, June 5, 1935. Charles was born March 11, 1907.

Vivian was educated at Southwestern and the University of Oklahoma where she received her B. A. degree. She is now living in Norman.

She has dark hair and blue eyes.

Their children are:

Charles Stanley, born April 9, 1938, at Chester, Okla.
Mary Susan, born March 2, 1944, in Oklahoma City, Okla.
Gary Wallace, born March 8, 1946

Zelma May Biggs

Zelma May Biggs, third daughter of Milton and Effie Biggs, was born April 2, 1910, in Moffat, Colo. She married Walter Albert Scoggins in Canton, Okla., October 27, 1931. Albert was the son of W. A. and Mary Frances Scoggins, born July 4, 1909. Zelma received her education at Cordell Christian College, studying music under Lesta Agee.

Their children are:

Janice Joan, born January 18, 1933.
Kenneth Duane, born March 13, 1934.
Carrol Eugene, born February 16, 1938.
Timothy Milton, born July 27, 1944.

Zelma is living in Aline, Okla., where her husband teaches. She has dark hair, blue eyes, and is 5 feet 4.

Leona Francis Biggs

Leona Frances Biggs, born April 5, 1912, at Belva, Oklahoma, married Melvin Martin, son of Charles and Estelle Creech Martin, in November 1933.

Leona was educated at Southwestern college. She taught school several years and is now in Norman, Oklahoma, with the Department of Public Welfare. She has dark hair and eyes.

Charles Keith Martin, born January 17, 1937, at Seiling, Okla.
Frances Elaine, born December 11, 1940, at Chester, Okla.
Loeva Jane, born April 24, 1943, at Alva, Okla.

Lela Margaret Biggs

Lela Margaret Biggs, fifth daughter of Milton and Effie Biggs, was born December 24, 1913, at Belva, Okla. She was educated at Cordell Christian College and Northwestern at Alva, and taught school.

She married Frank Albert (Jack) Holland March 11, 1934. He was the son of George and May (Houge) Holland.

Lela is small, has dark hair and brown eyes. They live in Seiling, Okla.

Children of Lela and Frank Holland are:

Jacquine Jean, born April 17, 1935, Seiling, Okla.
Lester Leland, born November 16, 1936, Canton, Okla.
Czerina May, born April 2, 1940.
George Lynn, born November 18, 1941.

Mildred Dorothy Biggs

Mildred Dorothy Biggs, sixth daughter of Milton and Effie Biggs, was born at Seiling May 16, 1918. She was educated at Cordell, Okla., and Dauge Business School, Wichita, Kansas. She married Albert Beauchamp Clark, son of John and Cora Belle (Ellis) Clark, at Seiling December 22, 1936.

They are now living at Lahoma where Mr. Clark is superintendent of schools.

Their children are:

Sally Albertina Jeanette, born November 10, 1939, in Watonga.
Lynn Albert, born April 20, 1944, Rolla, North Dakota.
Bruce Milton, born September 15, 1952, Hitchcock, Okla.

Jessie Wilma Biggs

Jessie Wilma Biggs, seventh daughter of Milton and Effie Biggs, was born March 24, 1922. She graduated from high school in Seiling and is talented in music. She married Ancil Thorton Watson, son of William and Violet (Ward) Watson, in Seiling January 19, 1941. Jessie has dark red hair and blue eyes. Their children are:

Sharon Ann Watson, born March 2, 1942.
Larry Dale, born June 2, 1946.

She married Oscar Quitron July 19, 1952 at Sterling, Colo. They have one son:

Mark Agusto, born April 28, 1953, in New Orleans, La.

Eola Lenore Biggs

Eola Lenore Biggs, eighth and last daughter of Milton and Effie Biggs, was born February 29, 1924, in Seiling. She was educated at Southwestern, Weatherford, Okla.

She married Francis Emmet Draper, son of William and Julia Draper, November 8, 1946.

Lenore, who has hazel eyes and black hair, lives in Oklahoma City. They have one son:

Mace Neil Draper, born March 2, 1952.

Mace Neil Draper

WILLIAM LEONARD THOMPSON

William Leonard Thompson, third son of Lemuel and Mary Thompson, was born Oct. 31, 1889, in Portis, Kansas. He moved with his parents to Osborne County, Kansas, and on to Cleo Springs, Okla., in 1893. He moved from there to Belva in the spring of 1900. From there he moved to Beaver County where he homesteaded a piece of land.

He married Leona Gladys Stafford, daughter of James and Mary Stafford, at Clearlake, Okla. Later he moved to Southard, Okla., moving from there to Rocky Ford, Colo. where he now resides. He is an elder in the Christian Church. He is six feet, two inches; weighs about 180; has dark hair and dark eyes. A farmer and turkey raiser by trade, he is honest and a good neighbor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson

BENJAMIN HARRISON THOMPSON

Benjamin Harrison Thompson, fourth son of Lemuel and Mary Thompson, was born in Osborne county, near Portis, Kansas, July 11, 1892. He died Oct. 11, 1918, at Ranger, Texas, and is buried in the Baptist cemetery there.

He came with his parents to Cleo Springs, Okla., in 1893, and moved with them to Belva, and later with his father to Beaver county, Okla., where he grew up and attended school until he graduated from the eighth grade.

He was six feet tall, weighed about 160; had dark hair, and brown eyes. He was tender hearted in the extreme, full of fun but high strung, and an easy victim for the influenza in 1918. He was working at Ranger, Texas, at the time of his death. He was dearly beloved by his family at home. He studied the Bible constantly.

Benjamin Harrison Thompson

MARY ELIZABETH THOMPSON

Mary Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Oran Rawson Thompson and Charlotte Rebecca Thompson, was born Jan. 11, 1850, and died Sept. 23, 1908. She married Silas Miller Barrett, son of James and Rebecca Barrett, Oct. 10, 1870. She died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Van Deventer, Gotebo, Okla., and is buried in the Clearlake cemetery beside her husband. She was born at Findlay, Ohio, and moved with her parents to Indiana and on to Kansas.

She had dark brown hair and brown eyes, and was a lovely woman—kind, gentle, and loved by all who knew her.

Her children are listed here:

Cora Bell, born Dec. 20, 1871; died June 21, 1878.
Jesse Oran, born Sept. 9, 1872; died Jan. 18, 1894.
Minnie May, born Sept. 15, 1875; died June 27, 1879.
Charlotte Rebecca, born April 18, 1878.
James Silas, born Jan. 30, 1878; died Nov. 1, 1904
William Osker, born Sept. 20, 1882.
Baby, born Aug. 2, 1884; died Sept. 9, 1884.
Chester, born July 20, 1887; died Feb. 20, 1952.

The Barretts moved to Stillwater, Okla., and on to Cleo Springs, Okla., in 1889. After several years there they moved to Clearlake, or rather between Logan and Clearlake, where they resided till Silas Barrett died. Several years after his death she left Beaver county, and after a short stay at Blue Jacket, Okla., she went to her daughter's farm, where she lived until her death several years later.

Mary Elizabeth Thompson Barrett

(Obituary)

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thompson Barrett was born in Ohio, Jan. 11, 1850. They moved to Indiana when Mrs. Barrett was just a child. While there she met S. M. Barrett and they were married Oct. 10, 1871.

To this union were born seven children, four boys and three girls. Two infant daughters were taken and transplanted into the realms above where they await the coming mother. One son departed this life at the age of 22. Her husband preceded her in death, June 22, 1905.

Sister Barrett was converted when a child at the age of thirteen and joined the Methodist Church. She lived a devoted Christian life until her death. For quite awhile and at the time of her death she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Van Deventer, of near Cordell, Okla. Her sons live near Vinita, Oklahoma.

Sister Barrett departed this life Sept. 23, 1928, at the age of 78 years, 8 months, and 18 days. She will be laid to rest in Clearlake cemetery in Beaver county. Funeral services were conducted by LeRoy Simmons at the Sharon church.

Silas Miller Barrett

Silas Miller Barrett, son of James and Rebecca (Miller) Barrett, was born March 18, 1850, around Bruce Lake, Ind. He married Elizabeth Thompson, Oct. 10, 1870. Silas died June 22, 1905, and is buried in the Clearlake cemetery in Beaver county, Oklahoma.

He lived in Indiana; Portis, Kans., Higgins, Texas; Cleo Springs, Okla., and Clearlake or Logan, Okla. He was about 5 foot 10 inches, of light complexion with nearly red hair and beard and blue eyes. He was full of fun, quite a tease and quite a favorite.

His children are listed under Mary Barnett's name.

Below is his picture, taken with his "double" brother-in-law, Daniel Thompson, whose first wife was Jane Barrett, Silas' sister. The bushy haired one is Daniel. As neither one smoked, this is a joke.

Silas Barrett and Daniel Thompson

Charlotte Rebecca Barrett

Charlotte Rebecca Barrett, daughter of Silas and Mary Barrett, was born April 18, 1878. She was married to George Vandeventer Oct. 10, 1900. He was born Jan. 30. 1881.

Being tall, and with dark brown hair and hazel eyes, she was a beautiful girl and lovely woman.

Their children are:

Vada May, born July 31, 1909.
Lloyd Roy, born Nov. 25, 1902.
Sydney M., born Nov. 1, 1910.

Charlotte Vandeventer has in her possession a book said to have come from the first Thompson coming across from England, which would make it 325 years old. It is in the form of a book, but is really a box—perhaps a Bible box but more likely a jewel box as it has several partitions in it. It was given to her by her mother, and was given to her mother (Mary Thompson Barrett), by her father, Oran Rawson Thompson, who told the story, but how it came into his possession we do not know now. It looks its age, altho it is very well preserved.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vandeventer

Vada Mae Vandevanter

Vada Mae Vandevanter, only daughter of Charlotte and George Vandeventer, was born July 31, 1901. She married Roy Eskew (born Sept. 1, 1894; died March 10, 1945), on May 16, 1920.

Their children are:

Jessie Eskew, born April 1, 1924; married to Nathen Field (born Nov. 26, 1923); on May 11, 1946. Their children are:

Dee Vonne Field, born Sept. 16, 1948.

Donna Lynn Field, born April 9, 1950.

Glenna Fae Eskew, born April 22, 1927, married to Lloyd Shrum, (born Aug. 13, 1927), on Jan. 17, 1948. They have one daughter, Rebecca Ann Shrum, born Mar. 16, 1952.

Edna Joe Eskew, born Jan. 26, 1931, who married Richard Gray, (born Aug. 1931), on May 2, 1953.

Vada Mae Eskew lives in Oklahoma City and has been employed several years at Tinker Field.

Lloyd Roy Vandeventer

Loyd Roy Vandeventer

Loyd Roy Vandeventer, son of George and Charlotte Vandeventer, was born November 25, 1902. He has been a school superintendent for many years.

He married Edna Jane MacDonald and they had the following children:

Loyd Jr., a doctor, who married Joanne Dickerson, and has a son, Loyd the third.
Ann.
William George.

Sidney Marion Vandeventer

Sidney Marion Vandeventer, second son of George and Charlotte Vandeventer, was born November 1, 1900, and married Margaret Clark.

Sidney is a school Superintendent by trade, now selling cars.

Their children are:

Sidney Sue, died 1953.
Karen Kay.
Jerry Lynn.

Sidney Marion Vandeventer

Jesse Oran Barrett

Jesse Oran Barrett, son of Silas and Mary Barrett, was born September 9, 1872, and married Zetella Huff, born June 27, 1880, West Virginia; died January 9, 1931.

Jesse Barrett was a hard worker and a good man. He was employed in an elevator in Dacoma, Okla., for several years; lived in Beaver County, Okla., and is buried in the Bluejacket, Okla., cemetery.

Their children are:

Pansy Barrett, born April 30, 1905, in Dacoma, Okla;
Married Authur Jones.
Children:
Ruth, Martha, Raymond and Paul.

Violet Barrett, born May 29, 1906;
Married Roy Ayers.
Children: Betty May, Richard and Ronald Clay.

Fern Barrett, born September 15, 1908;
Married Earl Ayers.
Children: Ralph, Caroline, Verna Fay, Orbin Riley, Janes Alice and Margie.

Oran Slyvester Barrett, born September 5, 1909;
Married Rose Geneal Willis, May 13, 1940, who was born January 13, 1934.
Children: Colene, born April, 1941; Lola May, born September 11, 1944, lives in Afton, Okla.

Roberta Barrett, born August 11, 1912; lives in Long Beach, Calif.; married Ancil Doughitt.
Children: Peggy Aline.

William Osker Barrett

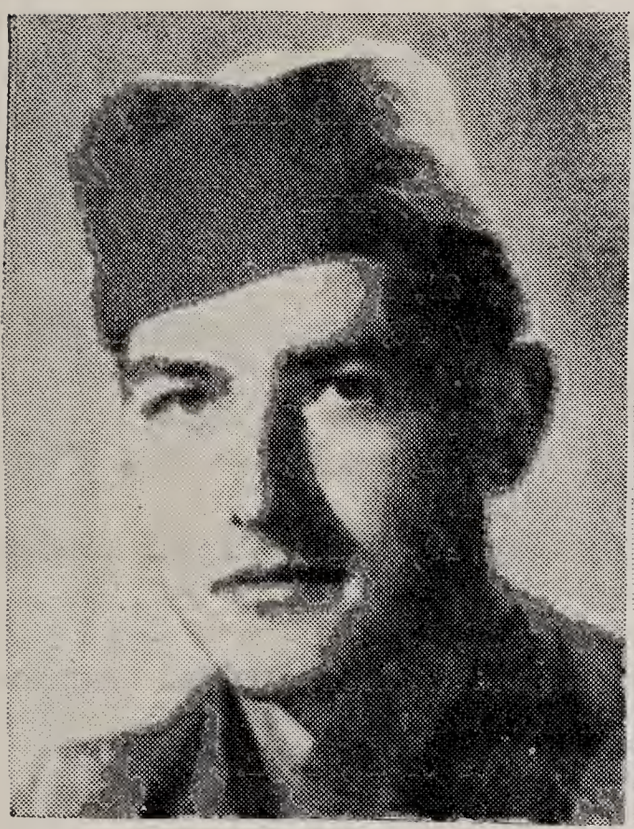
William Osker Barrett, son of Silas and Mary Barrett, was born September 20, 1872. He married Grova Hunsaker. She died about 1934 and is buried in the Bluejacket Cemetery, Bluejacket, Okla.

Children:

Wilma Catherine, born August, 1912; married Alvin George.
Children: Lily Pearl who married Daniel Baty, Raymond and Jewel.

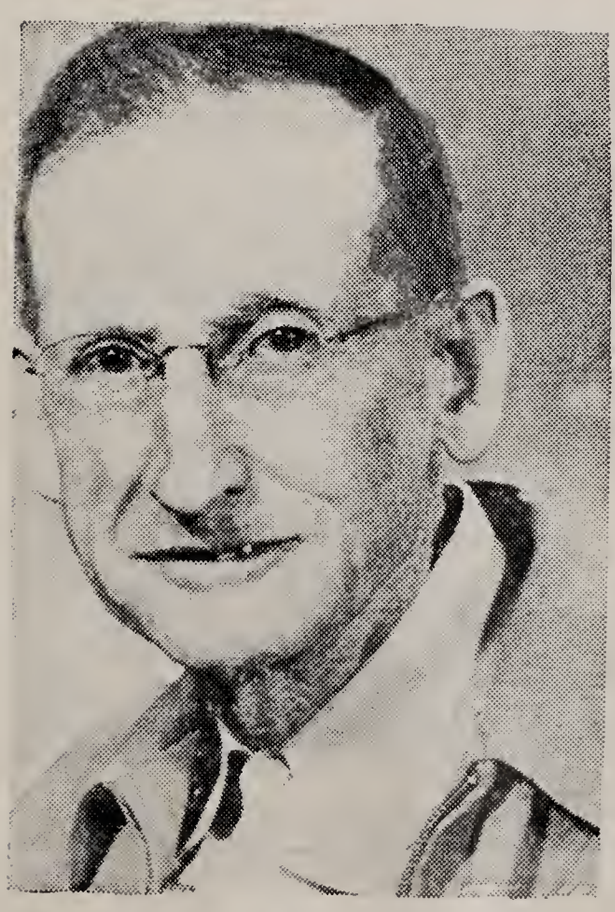
Chester Lee Barrett, born August 21, 1914; Married Claudia Miller, daughter of Jesse and Lydia Miller, May 3, 1939.
Child: Linda Lee, born November 20, 1945.

Nadine Barrett, born May 31, 1917; married Burt Phillis.
Children: Eva Dean, married James Stanley.
Child: Janet.
Clara Jean, Dwayne and Berdina.
Orval Barrett, born June 28, 1921; married Leora Kallam, born July 19, 1921.
Child: Donna Sue, born Sept 19, 1946.
Orval served 3 years in the 88th Division during World War II.



Orval Barrett

Donna Sue Barrett



William Barrett

Linda Lee Barrett

Chester Barrett

Chester Barrett was born June 20, 1887, and died in February 1952. He married Rosalie Renfro who died in 1953.

The family is unusual in that there are artists, musicians and craftsmen in the family. They are a loyal clan with high ideals. To know them is to love them.

Their children are:

Bonnie Bernard, born December 24, 1919; married Betty Lou Johnson, May 26, 1946. Betty was born February 14, 1930. Children: Julia Ann, born May 26, 1948 and Jerry Dean born August, 1950, died May 25, 1952.

Ivan Lindall Barrett, born July 1, 1921; married Elsie Evelyn Sinclair, born February 11, 1928.
Son, Dennis Terril, born January 21, 1950.

Luther Warsaw Barrett, born January 16, 1923; married Billie Beth Lance, born August 23, 1930.
Son, Elmer Dale Barrett, born September 24, 1948.

Valadee Vernelle Barrett, born July 2, 1925; married Clyde Richard Myers, born May 16, 1924.

Mildren Maxine Barrett, born July 29, 1927; Vernon Warren Haas, born September 25, 1923.

Jackie Dale Barrett, born December 27, 1928.

Wildeana Jean Barrett, born November 9, 1931; married Herschel Willard Black, born March 20, 1928.
Daughter, Rosalee Ionia born October 27, 1952.

Ionia Dean Barrett, born May 7, 1935.

Ardyth Luan Barrett, born February 9, 1938.

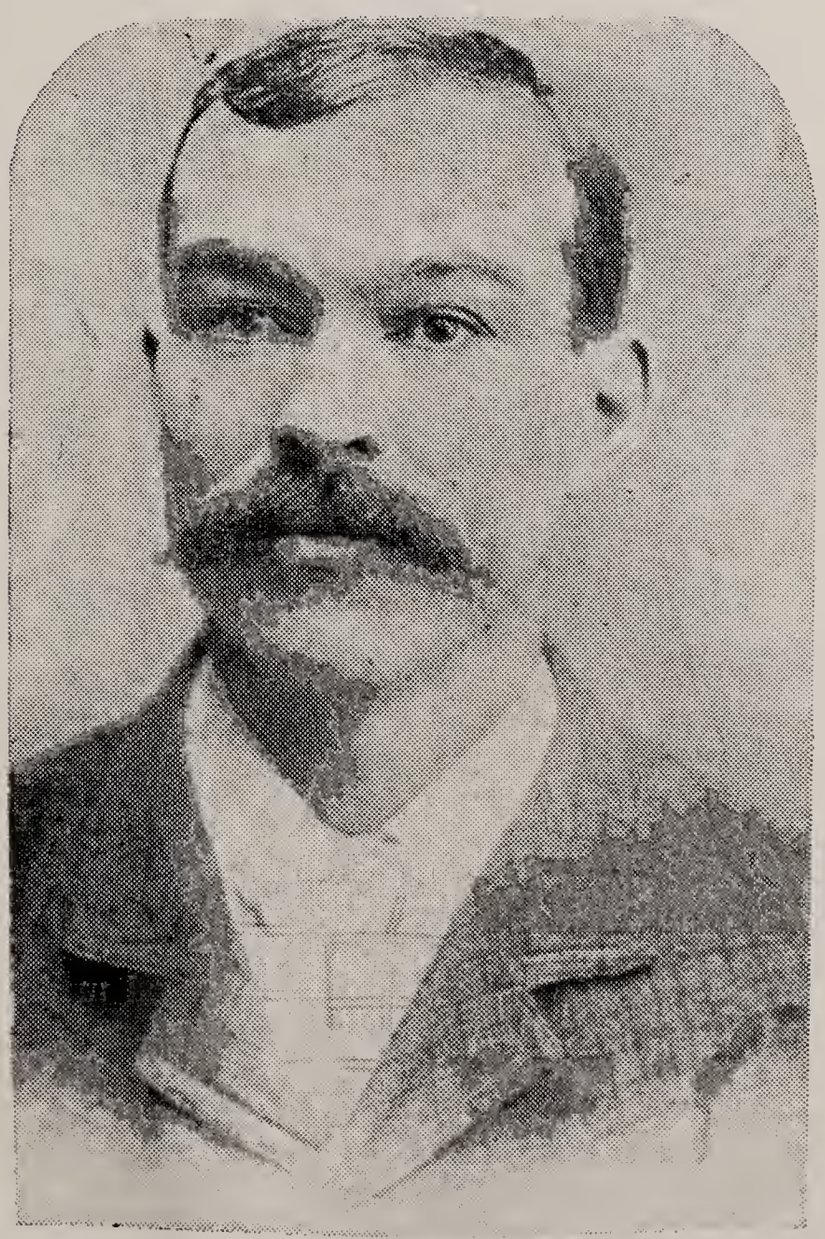
Chester Barrett Family

Top Row—Bonnie, Luther, Chester Jackie and Ivan. Bottom Row—Maxine, Wildeana, Ardyth, Rosalia, Valadee and Ionia.

William Harrison Thompson

William Harrison Thompson, fourth son of Oran and Charlotte Thompson, was born in Indiana March 10, 1854 —died August 14, 1899. He is buried in the Forest Cemetery near Cleo, Okla., where he was living at the time of his death. He spent most of his life around Holton, Kansas, coming to Oklahoma with his parents after they were old. He only lived a little over a year after he moved.

He was a good Christian gentleman who belonged to the Methodist church. He was a great favorite with all. He died of a stroke at the home of his brother, Lemuel Thompson, and never regained consciousness. His picture follows.



William Harrison Thompson

Part Four

The Smiths of Delaware

(MY MOTHER'S PEOPLE)

We first found our Henry Smith in Accomac County, Virginia, where he is named as an orphan of Thomas. It is our guess that he is the orphan (so-called) of the Thomas Smith who was sentenced to be hung for piracy in Maryland in 1637, and who was falsely accused, as later events proved. (As we have an undying legend in the family of privateering, who else could it have been? However, if this be the case, our family must have come over before Lord Baltimore, instead of with him as has been claimed.)

By 1665, Henry was buying and selling land, of which he did a great deal all his life. About this time, Henry had 1000 acres of land on an island in Chesapeake Bay, on which he made his home (Cedar Island). He had cattle on it at his death and had "considerable money in England—a country home, cattle, horses, and much personal property amounting to over 1000 pounds." (Taken from Court records of Somerset County, Maryland. Testamentary Papers, Box 15, Folder 52.)

Henry Smith married first, Joanna (Motnum) nee Carter. It was her second marriage, as she left children in London. To this marriage were born Henry Jr. and Margery, who married Luke Watson, Sr. about 1681, and had a daughter, Mary, born December 28, 1685, md. Peter Hoffman.

During separate maintenance proceedings in Virginia, he was persecuted and maligned, we believe falsely, as his life after he moved to Maryland was above reproach.

In 1669, Henry Smith came to Somerset County, Md. We find him as a Justice of the Peace, Captain of the Militia, and a representative for Somerset County in the lower House of Maryland, General Assembly, in 1682.

He figured prominently in the matter of locating and erecting the first courthouse in Somerset County. In 1672, Henry Smith appears as the first named Justice of the Peace for the newly created county of Worchester. Henry patented large tracts of land in Somerset County, principally on the south side on the Manokin River. Records show Smith lived on the south side on a tract of land known as Smith's Recovery. His house was sometimes called the "White House," and stood near the point of land made by the confluence of Jones Creek and Manokin River. He owned several pieces of land, one of which was called "Smith's Second Chance."

He belonged to the Church of England, and was influencial in getting a man to come in and preach at four different homes during the month before there was a church established in the county.

According to the book"Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland" Henry was married a second time to Ann _____. (There is a possibility that "Ann" may be a shortening of the name Joanna,

in which case he may never have been married again, but rather reconciled with his first wife, which would explain why he was able to keep the two children which he had at that time.) While in Maryland, he had these children:

William, born January 20, 1876
John, born November, 1680.
Tomasen, born September, 1682.
(the above children were born in Manokin, according to "Old Somerset")
Rebecca, who married John Tonstall (Fonstall) (Sonstall) ?
Mary, who married John Caldwell.

(These two daughters, Rebecca and Mary, joined with their brother, Henry jr., and his wife Ann in a suit for recovery of their father's property after his death, according to Testamentary Papers, Somerset County, already mentioned.)

In 167__ he was granted a 3000 acre tract of land in Delaware by the Duke of York. It was called Prime hook because it bordered on Prime Hook Creek. A number of his friends moved to Delaware at the same time; Davis, Cirwithen, Halbert, Spencer and Bowman. Henry was at once appointed Justice of the Peace of Whorekill, by William Penn. Some time before 1703 he died intestate, as administrators were appointed to administrate his estate left in Maryland. It is thought he died in Whorekill.

The land was a triangle, and Henry bought 600 acres adjoining, called "Delight". We believe the land may have been five-sided after the other land was added. We have heard the tale that there were brothers interested in this land, and that they built a five-sided house of beautiful pink brick imported from England. However, the brothers had a disagreement, and demolished the house, each one to a side, brick by brick.

I have wondered whether it may have been rather, a three sided house, since there were only three brothers at any where near that time in the Smith family, Henry Jr., William and John, sons of the first Henry, and also since the land was three-sided when it was first acquired.

Henry Jr. married Sarah Goodsell (Getto) February 5, 1686. In 1690 she applied for Administrators papers on his estate and married Thomas Groves, January 7, 1692. There seems to have been a Peter Goodsell who later was called Smith, but whose grandparents left a fund for his education. The grandparents' name was Getto.

(We have heard this Henry called the grandson of Henry Sr., but believe it may have been a mistake.)

Henry and Sarah left no sons, but a daughter, Elizabeth, who married John David.

John Smith of Cedar Creek Hundred, Yoeman, dated February 19, 1724, gave son Henry land in Prime Hook Neck May 5, 1725. Daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah ——— "Wife Sarah Executrix, she to enjoy possession of my plantation during her natural life, providing she does not marry again; if she does, my son Henry to have quiet

possession at 21." From John Smith's will, witnessed by William Till, Mary Till, William Haverloe.

A record of a Samuel Smith, wife Mary, will dated January 7, 1789, mentions children——George, Benjamin, Fisher, Ruth, John Revel Smith, Mary Boman, found in Calendar of Kent County wills, Page 408. This Samuel has a Revolutionary Record in New Castle County, Delaware.

Kent County Wills of Delaware, page 541: William Hawkins, wife Mary (David or Davis) Hawkins, will dated August 13, 1798, widow married Benjamin Smith. Because of the close association of names over the years this may have some connection.

Also a diary kept by an Ann Smith in New Jersey mentioned a sister, Avis, who married a Benjamin Smith, (have not been able to carry this through, but will do so, the date seems right.)

John B. Smith is given in Scarf's History as a lineal descendant of Henry Smith. John Smith, son of said John B. Smith, married Sara Goodwin Anderson, daughter of Benjamin Anderson. He left a daughter, Mary Kessler, who lives in Milford, Delaware. There is also a descendant of Luke Watson, Bess Watson Shew, living in Milford. She has been of great help to me in compiling this book. Also Mrs. C. Helene Potter of Lewes, Delaware. A relative by marraige of Mary Kessler. Also information from Charles W. Pettitt.

Thomas Smith, father of Henry Smith, had 300 acres of land in Accomac County, Va., in 1639 due for transfer, himself; wife, Sarah; daughter, Ann; called at first Thomas Branch but changed to Old Mans neck. In 1636, Thomas Smith was ordered by the court to sell 150 acres and give quiet possession of before Christmas next, for which he received 150 lbs. tobacco. This plantation was the one he lived on. Some time between that date and 1663 Henry was listed as an orphan of Thomas, also as a child of Thomas.

In 1663 this said Thomas (Alias Hinman), left to his son William, 400 acres of land. Thomas Smith's widow married "Hinman" who later resumed the name of Thomas Smith. Why should a wife re-marry her husband unless this was the Capt. Thomas Smith supposed to be hung in Maryland but went over into Virginia where his family and land were?

He was falsely accused of piracy and actually was a privateer acting under orders of the King and those with authority in Virginia. Particulars found in Archives and "Captains and Mariners of Maryland."

When he died and she married Hinman is not given but years after he was supposed to be dead he resumed the name of Thomas Smith.

"Richard Hinman" was born of this marriage and he went by the name of Richard Smith and had a piece of land called Capt. Thomas Neck and William Smith was appointed guardian.

Col. Samuel Smith, gentleman, given as Thomas Smith's brother, later went to Somerset County, Md., and later was in Delaware.

There is also an Edward, Phillip and a Maurice Smith closely knit with the family.

There was a William Smith who came to Virginia on the ship, "Samuel" in the year 1608, at the age of 36.

William Davis came on the ship "William and Thomas" in 1618 at the age of 33. These deductions were taken from facts gleaned from "Cavaliers and Pioneers of Virginia" and "Eastern Shore of Accomac County" in Virginia. In 1648 John Major (seems as of this could be still another alias) deposed that before Sarah married John Hinman he helped her make a deed of gift (not recorded to her three children—William, Ann and Henry) of 100 acres to each child as was her husband's wish. This land changed back and forth but always wound up with a Smith.

Sister Ann married first John Tilney, later Capt. Richard Drummond. This William, brother of Henry never left Virginia, but Ann came over in Maryland with her husband, John Tilney.

There was a noted privateer in 1613 named John Smith, who had a schooner valued at $10,000, called "Lovely Lass." It was sent to New Orleans and never reported back. Word was sent out by the bondsmen but she was not found. This was her second trip. There were other privateers by the name of Smith but not as much proof of family connections as of the connections of Capt. Thomas and our Henry.

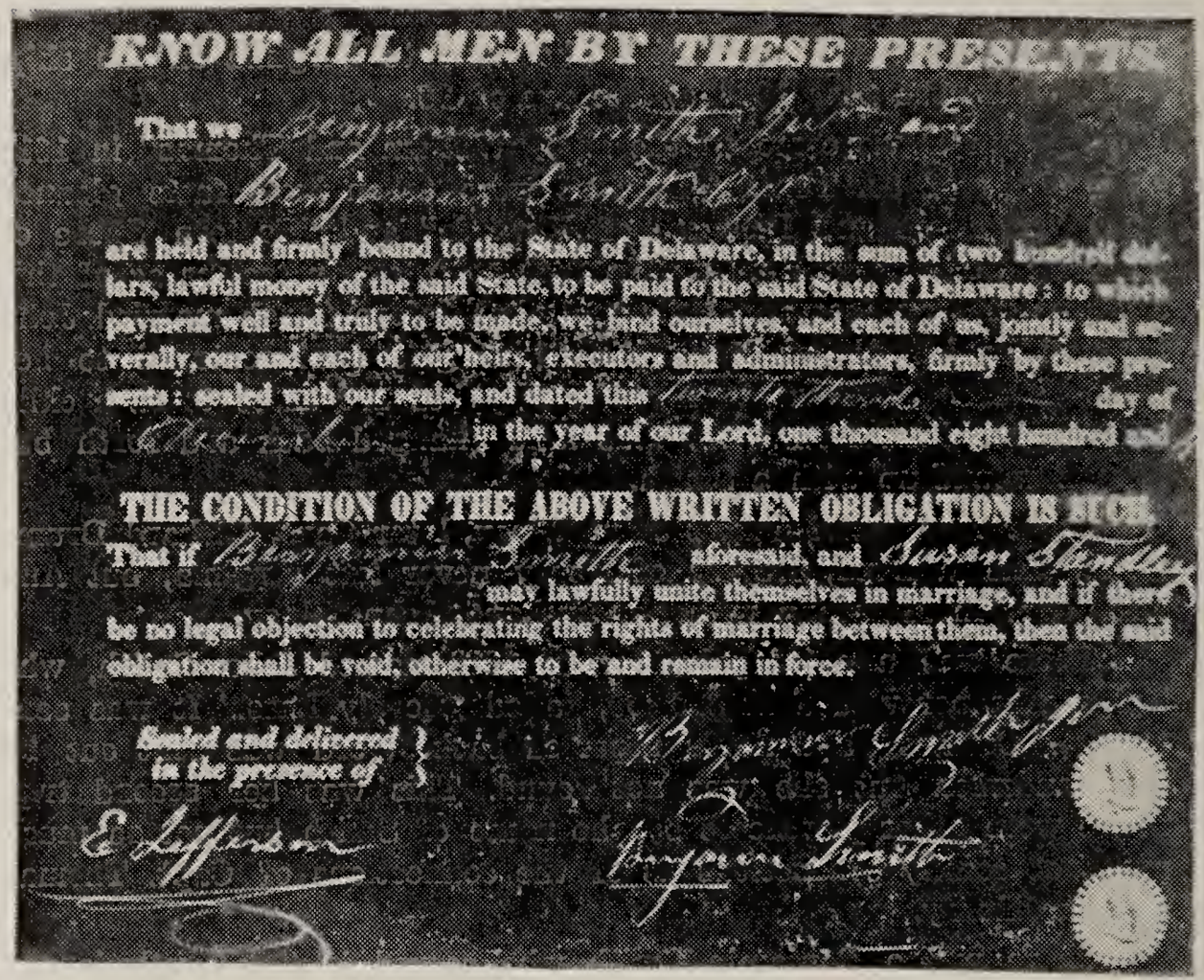
There was a Benjamin Smith who served in the Revolutionary War from Kent County, Delaware, under Capt. Warren's Company, Regiment 5, serving 3 years.

In calendar of Wills in Newcastle, Delaware, we find a Benjamin Smith, Executor of the will of his brother-in-law, Daniel Britt, of Philadelphia, in which Daniel makes mention of his mother-in-law Elizabeth Mecom, also a sister of his late wife, named Sarah Smith, wife of Benjamin Smith. It also mentions children of Sarah and Benjamin, but does not name them. Dated March 1, 1798.

There is a record of Benjamin Smith giving the lumber and a Benjamin Dill giving the land for an undenominational church in Fredecia, Delaware, in 1800. There was a William Smith there also. The church also served as a school. It was 20 by 26 feet.

One Benjamin Smith, Senior, was an ensign in company 3, a regiment in New Castle county, Delaware. In 1814, he was appointed Captain of the Smyrna Guard in 1846, later he resigned, and his death is recorded in 1847.

Legend has it, that our Benjamin's father was drowned while fishing in the bay. He owned his own boat, and his boat was floundered by sharks. It is said that the three boys, William, Benjamin and James were bound out to learn a trade. I have been unable to find ary indenture papers. Either Benjamin's father was living when his marriage bonds were made, or the grandfather's name was also Benjamin as it is signed by Benjamin sr., along with Benjamin jr., as the following paper will prove.



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we Benjamin Smith Jr. and Benjamin Smith Cy.

are held and firmly bound to the State of Delaware, in the sum of two hundred dollars, lawful money of the said State, to be paid to the said State of Delaware: to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, jointly and severally, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents: sealed with our seals, and dated this Twenty Third day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE WRITTEN OBLIGATION IS SUCH.

That if Benjamin Smith aforesaid, and Susan Standley may lawfully unite themselves in marriage, and if there be no legal objection to celebrating the rights of marriage between them, then the said obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in force.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

E. Jefferson

Benjamin Smith Jr.

Benjamin Smith

The land (Prime Hook) came on down through the family unth it reached my grandfather, Benjamin jr. If all the three brothers had an equal share, there would have been 120 acres since grandfather's share was 40 acres.

In the census records of 1850, it gives Benjamin, age 33, his wife Susan, 25, one child, William Charles, age 5 years, (my uncle) and Avis Smith, age 64. This was his mother, who was apparently living with them.

In the census records of 1850 we also find William Smith, age 45, wife Ann, age 41, William, school teacher, 27; Benjamin 14; John M.; Rebecca, 7; and Mary, 5 months. We take this to be my grandfather's (Benjamin's) brother, who died from blood poison from a pin prick, when he was quite old. I remember when this great-uncle died, about 1902.

There was a John Smith, with a son named Benjamin, and other children, in New Castle County, in Appoquinimink Hundred who may have been a brother of my grandfather Benjamin, as he was just where they should be, for the family was in or near Blackbird at the time of my grandfather's marriage.

Avis Smith, (my great grandmother) told of being a flower girl at the time of Lafayette's last visit, when he came through Wilmington and New Castle. She would have been sixteen at the time.

Duke of York Record—1646-1679 of Land of Henry Smith

Edmund Andros, Esq. Whereas there is a certaine tract of land called Prime Hooke the which by vertue of a warrant hath been layd out for Mr. Henry Smith, beginning at a bounded White Oake standing upon the point running up the Creeke, for breadthW. & by S 1000 perches to a bounded Red Oake standing by the side of a Swampe from thence North and by West foure hundred and eighty Perches to a bounded Red Oake standing by the side of Slaughter Creeke, from thence East and by North one thousand Perches, down the sd Creek, to a bounded Poplar standing by the marsh then down the sd Marsh S & by E foure hundred and eighty Perches to be first bounded White Oake standing upon the foresd Prime Creek containing 3000 acres of land as by returne of the Survey under the hand &c. Now know yee &c. Quitt Rent: Thirty bushells. Dated the day of 167 .

Benjamin Smith

Benjamin Smith was born near Blackbird, Delaware, November 11, 1816. He married Susan Standley in December, 1841, and three chilren were born there—William Charles, born October 11, 1844; Sarah Ann, born June 13, 1855, and Mary Catherine, born May 13, 1858.

In 1861 he left Delaware and moved to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he stayed but a short time. He then moved to Burlington, Iowa, where he stayed until 1874. Leaving Iowa, he drove a team of oxen through to Smith County, Kansas.

Mary Catherine Smith Thompson told her children that she was three years old when they started for Ohio. They took a train to Chicago and were outfitted there to drive a team on through. She was 16 at the time they drove on to Kansas, and she walked most of the way, driving the cows and picking wild flowers. That must have been the spring when Grandfather Benjamin Smith homesteaded in Smith County.

Grandfather was a shoe maker by trade, having been bound out when he was small to learn a trade. My brother, Charlie Thompson, said he made him a beautiful red pair of boots when he was a small boy. Charlie remembers them quite well and recalls that both Benjamin and Susan Smith were small or stature. Grandfather seemed to be a jolly, good natured man and very fond of children. Grandmother had the name of being a hard worker. No pictures of them are available.

Benjamin and Susan Smith are both buried in the Garrett cemetery near Portis, Kansas. Here are their obituaries:

Died at his home in Lincoln Township, Smith County, Kansas, Benjamin Smith, age 68 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. McCoy. The text for the occasion was taken from the Book of Job, XIV, 14th verse, which reads as follows: "If a man die shall he live again."

He died December 26, 1884.

Died yesterday, at the residence of her son-in-law, L. R. Thompson, Mrs. Susan Smith; aged 60 years, 10 months and three days. Sister smith was a devoted member of the M. E. church, a patient sufferer and died in the faith. She leaves a husband, three children and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. She died May 28, 1884.—Rev. E. G. Cary.

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William Charles Smith

William Charles Smith, son of Benjamin and Susan Smith, was born October 11, 1844, at or near Blackbird, Delaware. He died January 5, 1925, at Salida, Kan., as the result of a fire in the home. He is buried in Woodlawn cemetery, Salina, Kansas. He lived at Salina from 1918-1925; Portis, Kan., 1886-1918; Summit area, 1874 to 1886. He came to Summit from near Burlington, Iowa, to where he had moved from Mt. Vernon Ohio. He came to Mt. Vernon from Delaware in 1861. His occupation was farming until he moved to Portis, Kan., when he was employed to run a Farmers cooperative grain elevator. After the elevator was sold in 1916 he bought a hardware store in Portis and in the same year bought the local newspaper, "The Portis Independent." He preached some for the M. E. church. William retired in 1919 and moved to Salina. We remember him as a kind man to his sisters and loved by all.

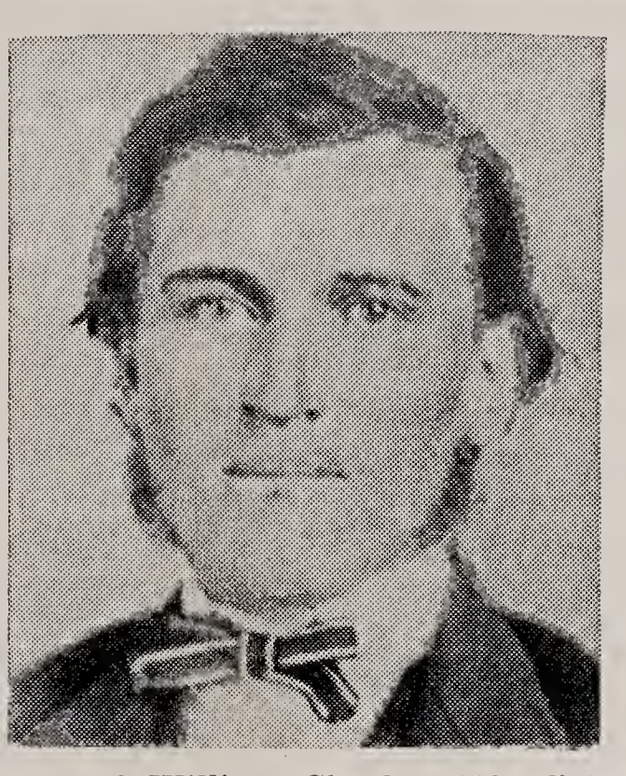
He was married to Mary Lucinda Swank, daughter of John Swank and Rebecka (M'cheal) Swank on May 14, 1882, near Harlan, Kan. Mary Lucindy was born March 11, 1886, at Danville, Ill; died May 5, 1937 at Salina and is buried in the Woodlawn cemetery.

She married at an early age and had about 12 months formal education. An active church member, she was a friend to the community in which she lived.

Their children are:

Maurice Lemuel, born February 15, 1883, Osborne, Kan.
Mary Lucinda, born April, 1885.
Lester Alvin, born May 17, 1890.
Elsie Avis, born November 7, 1893.

(Information furnished by Maurice Smith from memory)



This is a picture of William Charles (Charlie) Smith at 21

This is a group picture of his family later

The Smith home in Portis, Kansas

Sarah Ann Smith

Sarah Ann Smith was born June 15, 1855, in or near Blackbird, Delaware, the daughter of Benjamin and Susan Smith. She was married June 15, 1904, to John Hawkins, who was born in Virginia and died in 1915 in Portis, Kan.

She was 49 before she married and her husband was 76. She taught school in the early days in Kansas. Her health failed and she lived with her brother and sister most of the time. She came to Cleo Springs, Okla., and filed a claim there. Seven years later she was forced to leave it because it was not suitable for a home. During that time her sister, Mary, and Mary's husband, Lemuel Thompson, lived on the farm with her. Later they all came to Belva, Okla., where her homestead right was restored and with her brothers-in-law helped make a little home of her own. Two years later she met and later she met and married John Hawkins who died two years later in Arkansas.

"Sadie" was temperamental but a wonderful nurse with a tender heart, dark hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion.

The wedding picture of Sarah and John Hawkins

Mary Catherine Smith Thompson

Mary Catherine Smith Thompson was the daughter of Benjamin and Susan Smith and was born May 13, 1858. She married Lemuel Thompson December 20, 1877 in Osborn, Kansas. He died December 6, 1903.

Mary Catherine was born in or near Blackbird, Del., and later moved with her parents to Ohio and Iowa, where she lived until she was 16. She moved to Portis, Kan., in the spring of 1874 and taught school in the early days there. She made three trips to the Panhandle of Texas with her husband and finally settled near Portis. They had five children—four boys and a girl, as follows:

Charles Oran, born May 27, 1879
Jesse Clarance, born April 7, 1882
Effie Mary Ann, born March 2, 1885
William Leonard, October 31, 1889.
Benjamin Harrison, born July 2, 1892, died Oct. 18, 1918

Mary Catherine moved with her husband and children to Oklahoma in the fall of 1893, to Cleo Springs, later moving to Belva, Okla. She was 5 ft. 6 inches tall, weighed between 115 and 130 pounds, with dark, wavy hair, lovely blue eyes, fair complexion, high cheek bones, slim, graceful, patient, kind, a sense of humor, lover of flowers, a gift of poetry, and loved animals. She was faithful and dear to her family. Father had the following engraved on her tombstone: "Too Good for Earth . God Took Her Home."

She is laid to rest in the West Creek cemetery.

This picture of Mary Catherine was taken when she was 10 or 12 years old. She said it was the only one ever taken.

Maurice Lemuel Smith

Maurice Lemuel Smith, eldest son of William Charles Smith of the line of Benjamin Smith, was born February 15, 1883, at or near Osborne, Kansas. He lived in Portis, Kansas, from 1886-1905; Oakley, Kansas, from 1905 to 1909 and later in Salina, Sharon Springs, Kincaid, Ky., Mt. Pleasant, Mich, and retired in Magnolia, Ala., where he now resides. He was a teacher, school administrator and college professor. He is named in "Who's Who in American Education 1948," "Leaders in Education 1940," "Who's Who in Michigan," and the "Phi Delta Kappa Directory."

He married Minnie Ida Marsh, daughter of William and Rebecka (Rocky) Marsh at Bunker Hill July 24, 1907. Minnie Ida Marsh was born December 19, 1885, and died January 16, 1954. She was a teacher in public schools before her marriage.

Their children are:

Maida Avis Smith was born January 25, 1909 in Oakley, Kansas. She married Carl Allen Reese, born in June, 1911, at Whittier, Calif.

Donald Maurice Smith, born July 30, 1912, in Russel Kansas. He married Susan Palmer, born November 25, 1912, in the Panama Canal Zone. They were married August 22, 1936. Their child is Kirk Palmer, born December 15, 1945. (Adopted) He lives in Garden Grove, Calif.

Maurice Lemuel Smith

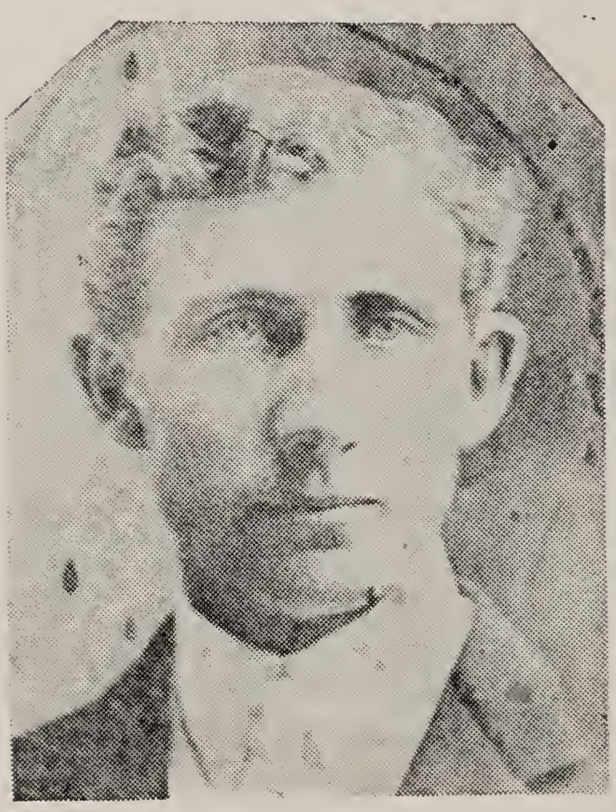
. . . who has given valuable information about the Smith family

Mary Lucinda Smith

Mary Lucinda Smith was born in Osborne, Kansas, the daughter of William Charles and Mary Smith. She was born April 4, 1885, and was married in 1905 to Jess Scott, who died in 1952, in Downs, Kansas.

They had two sons:

Myron
Charles



Jesse Scott

Lula Smith Scott

Dr. Lester Alvin Smith

Lester Alvin Smith, son of William Charles and Mary Smith of Portis, Kan., was born May 17, 1890. He was married to Vivian Strahm at Lawrence, Kansas. She was the daughter of Frederick and ** (Allen) Strahm. Mr. and Mrs. Smith both were graduated from the University of Kansas. He later graduated from Rush Medical school and is an X-ray specialist in Indianapolis, Ind.

Elsie Avis Smith

Elsie Avis Smith, daughter of William and Mary Smith, was born in Portis, Kan., November 7, 1893. She was married to Roy A. Fouts of Osborne, Kansas, September 15, 1917. He died April 13, 1953. No information was available of their children.

Part Five

FAMILIES RELATED TO THE BIGGS FAMILY

Draper-Seely Genealogy

William Oscar Draper was the son of Pinckney and Lou Vicie (Mayo) Draper. He was born January 9, 1879, at Cotton Gin, Texas, and married Julia Durinda Seely, who was born August 29, 1884, at Worthan, Texas. She was the daughter of J. Terry who died in 1890 and Sarah Elizabeth (Powell) Seely (born April 20, 1847 and died April 18, 1941) of Georgia.

Martin Genealogy

Ancestors of Melvin Martin

Melvin Martin was the son of Charles Martin of Belva, Oklahoma, and Estelle Creech. His grandparents were Patrick and Elvira Cox Creech, and his great-grandfather was Benjamin Creech from Kentucky.

Tatge Genealogy

(Given by Mrs. Lula Alvina (Totten) Tatge, mother of Lester Leroy Tatge)

William Monroe Totten was born in Cocheton, New York, September 6, 1834. He moved with his parents to Wyoming Co., N. Y., resided there until 1855 and moved to LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. He was married in 1869 to Mary Elizabeth Whitney (born May 27, 1845 in N. E. Jefferson County, Watertown, New York.) She came to Wisconsin in 1855 and the couple came to Randolph, Cedar County, Nebraska, and lived there until death.

Great-grandfather Taft came from New York state to Michigan or Wisconsin, probably it was Breen Bay, Mich.

My grandmother and grandfather Whitney lived at West Salem, LaCrosse, Wis., all their married life. Myron, George and Franklin came west to Randolph, Neb., in 1880 and homesteaded there.

WHITNEY BRANCH

Charles H. Whitney, born February 16, 1819, died February 4, 1886, married Lecy E. Taft (born August 18, 1825 and died September 17, 1884) Their children:

Walter A., born March 27, 1884, died in infancy.

Mary E., born March 27, 1845, married William Totten by Rev. Fincher November 18, 1869.

Eugene Charles, born March 15, 1847, married Fanny Goddard April 17, 1875 at Green Bay, Mich.

Lucy Ella born February 28, 1850, married Lorene Shoe.

Ada L., born June 3, 1853, died September 1878.

Franklin C., born May 8, 1855, married Freelove Mimic.

George D., born April 22, 1859, married Nellie Greatreal November 28, 1886

Harriette S., born June 20, 1882, married John H. Goddard, October 5, 1882

Myron S., born September 1, 1864, married Mrs. L. Lucky, 1892.

Evelyn L., born August 16, 1862, died in infancy.

The children of William and Mary Totten were:

May Emegene, born December 1, 1870 in LaCrosse, Wis., died December 1939 in Sargents, Colo. Married to G. Howard Soden May 3, 1891, at Wisner, Nebr.

Hattie Inez, born July 25, 1872 in LaCrosse, Wis., married Ambrose E. Crellire by Rev. Luce in 1890 at Randolph, Nebr.

Lula Alvina, born March 11, 1874, at Lacrosse, Wis., married William Fredrick Tatge by Rev. Bothwell at Methodist church in Randolph, Nebr.

Charles William, born September 3, 1876 at LaCrosse, Wis., died January 27, 1946 in Cheyenne, Wlo. Married to Lena Violet Hathway by Rev. Allen Bishop October 15, 1902 at Randolph, Nebr.

Alice Hannah, born September 3, 1876 at LaCrosse, Wis., died May 13, 1905, at Randolph, Nebr. Married Daniel E. Nellor by Rev. Coffer at Methodist church at Randolph.

Rosa Belle, born July 8, 1888, married A. L. Felton February 1916.

Henry Harrison, born November 1, 1889 at Randolph, Nebr., died January 11, 1889.

Clark Genealogy

(Ancestors of Albert Beaucamp Clark)

Albert Beaucamp Clark was born at Keighley, Kansas, and came to Oklahoma with his parents, John Thomas and Cora Belle (Ellis) Clark. His parents were married at Winfield, Kansas.

Albert Clark's grandfather, John Thomas Clark, was one of a large family living at the Capitol of Ontario, Canada. He married a girl who had come from Central England at the age of 1½ years. Her mother was buried at sea and she was reared by an aunt.

Cora Belle Ellis is the daughter of James and Amanda (Moore) Ellis of West Virginia. They moved to Missouri and then on to Kansas. The Ellis family came from England.

Amanda Moore was the daughter of Robert Moore and was born in Missouri.

John Thomas and Cora Belle (Ellis) Clark are pioneers of Dewey County, Oklahoma.

Thomas and Mary Ann (Kitson) Clark came to the U. S. after the Civil war in 1865 and were married three or four years before the move. They were farmers and lived at East Orange, Mich. They moved from Canada to Illinois to Michigan to Kansas and back to East Orange where they both are buried.

Biggs Genealogy

Effie Mary Ann Thompson (the author) married Milton Biggs. He was the son of John and Arminda Wilson Biggs of Washington Co., Kansas.

John Biggs was the son of John and Jane Gurney Biggs of Welford, Northamptonshire, England, who came to America in 1833 and settled at Jacksonville, Ill.

A complete Biggs genealogy, with allied families, has been compiled by Clifford Biggs and his wife, Veda (Mahaffey) Biggs and is now ready for publication.

Mahaffey Genealogy

(Ancestors of Veda Inez (Mahaffey) Biggs)

Veda Inez Mahaffey is the daughter of Walter Clyde and Orial Jane (Matteson) Mahaffey of Logan, Okla. Walter Clyde Mahaffey is the son of George and Elizabeth Ann Moody) Mahaffey of Goltry, Okla.

Orial Jane Matteson is the daughter of Albert Norton and Martha Ann (Fletcher) Matteson of Anderson County, Kansas.

Genealogies are being written by Veda Biggs of Seiling, Okla., and her mother, O. Jane Mahaffey of Logan, Okla.

The Buitron Family of Lima, Peru

Oscar Augusto Buitron is the son of Jose Buitron and Maria Ortiz. His paternal grandparents are Augustina and Domingo Buitron. Maternal grandparents are Eusebia Suarez and Jaime Ortiz.

Part Six

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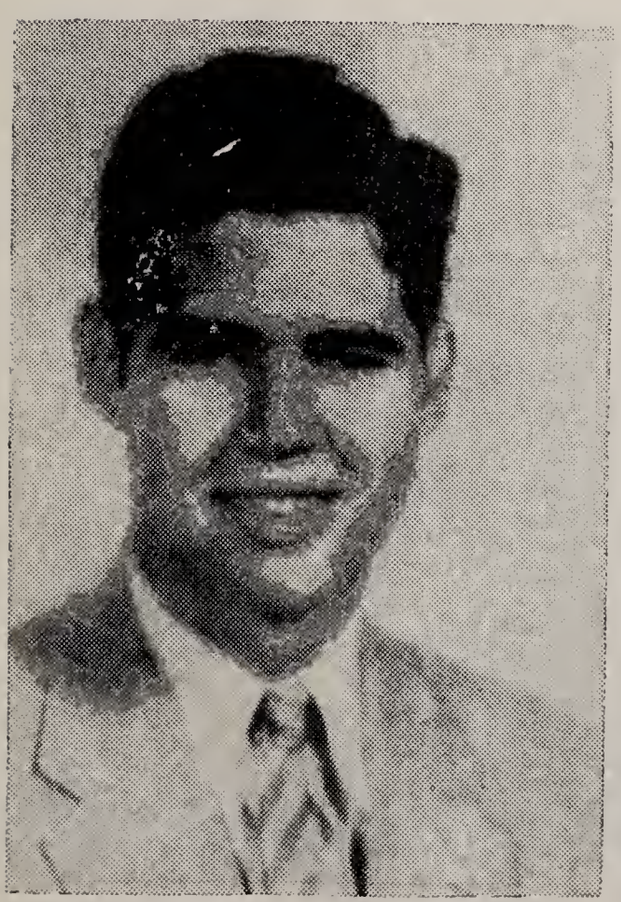
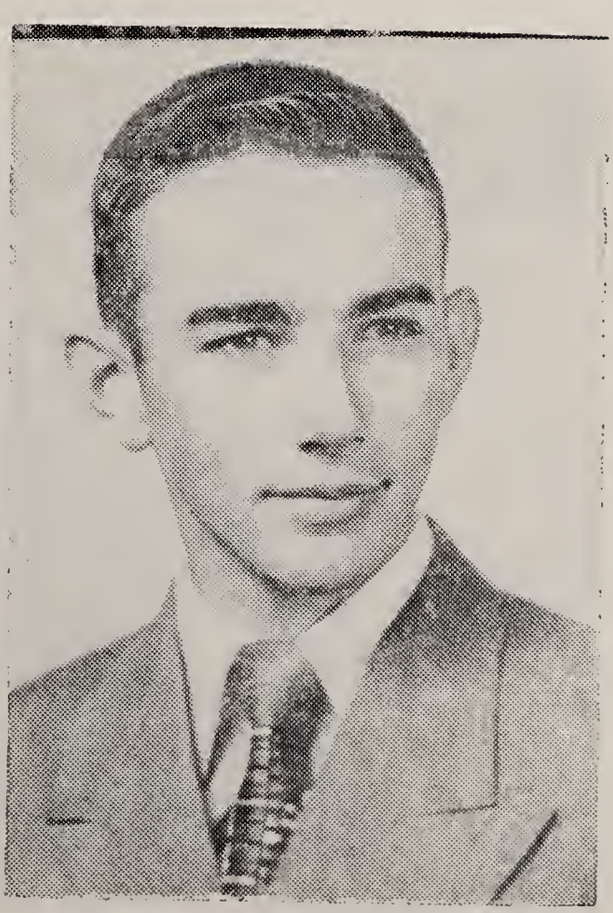
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barrett

Colene Barrett

Lola May Barrett



Keith Martin



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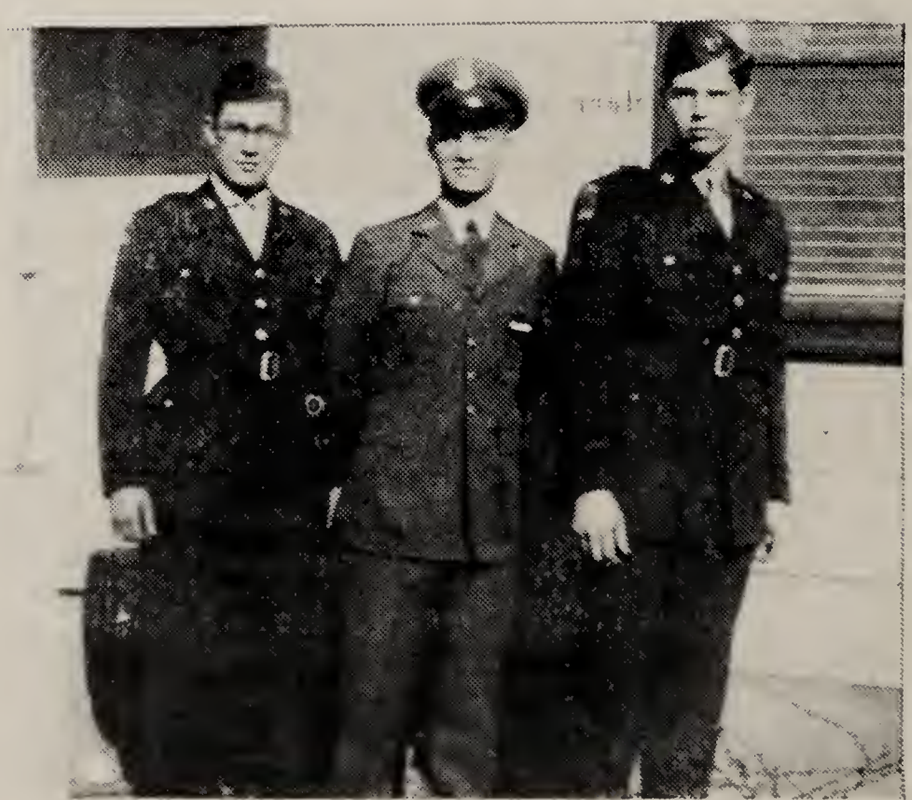
Jacquelyn Holland

Janice Scoggins

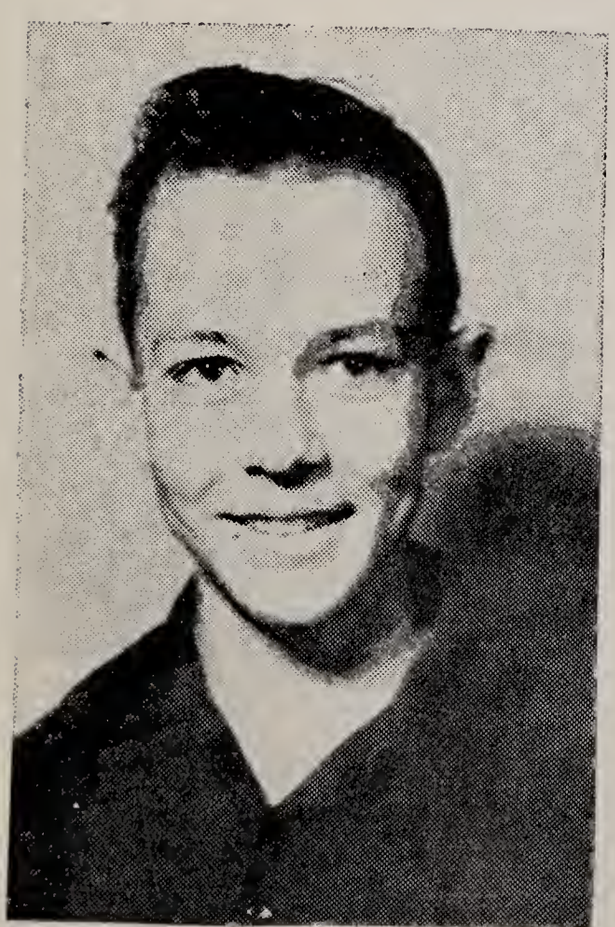


Lester Holland, Terrell Tatge
and Charles Keith Martin

Bonnie Biggs

Czarina Holland

Joy Biggs



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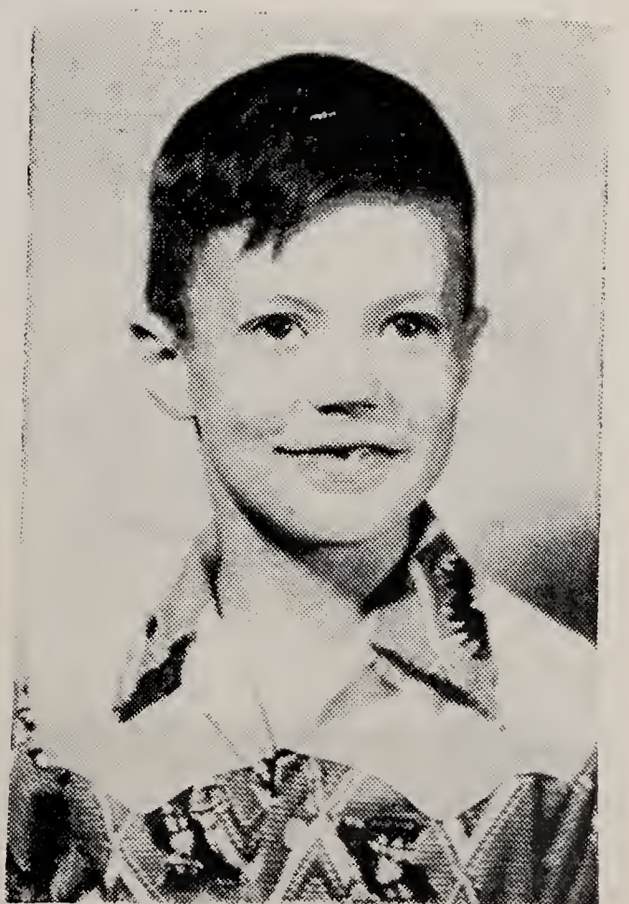

Gary Swimley

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Elaine Martin

Carol Scoggins

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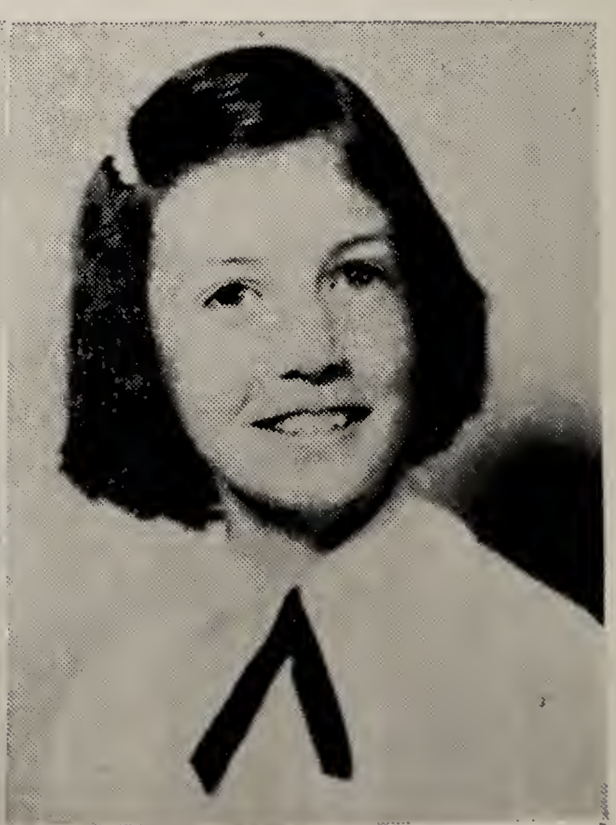
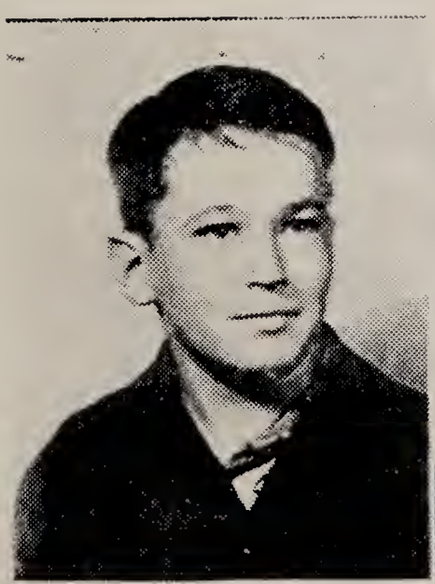


Susan Swimley

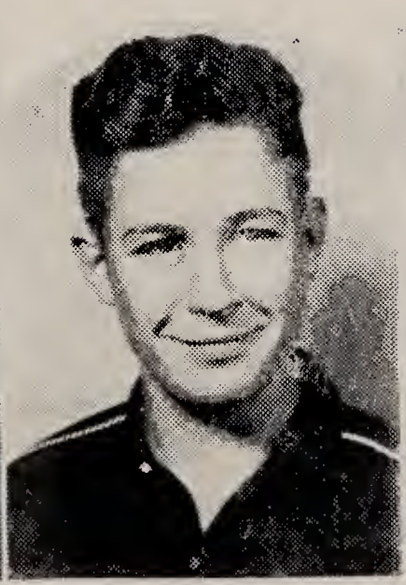
Mark Buitron

Loeva Martin

Bruce Clark



George Holland



Lester Holland

Lynn Clark

Larry Watson

Sally Clark